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A conservation success story: A Common Tern family nesting on an artificial island in Chincoteague Bay, one of 322 pairs taking up residence at the site in 2023. Gerald Winegrad and Carol Swan explain on page 15 in Chapter Chatter, alongside many exciting accounts of MOS member summer adventures.

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Editor's Note

We welcome in this issue Evelyn Ralston, our new MOS president. She has graciously agreed to take on this office because Bonnie Borsa unfortunately had to resign due to health issues. Evelyn pays tribute to Bonnie in her President's Corner, recalling her remarkable creativity, good humor, and positive energy. We are grateful that Evelyn has stepped up to the plate at the last minute and wish Bonnie a speedy recovery.

For the last nine issues of the Yellowthroat, we could always count on Marcia Watson's amazingly informative and enthusiastic reviews of the MOS sanctuaries (joined by Bettye Maki, Jan Reese, Melissa Hensel, and Jeremy Castle, depending on the sanctuary). Regrettably, this issue features her last entry, because we happen to have run out of sanctuaries. We extend our deepest gratitude to Marcia and her co-authors for their wonderful contributions. Ideally, MOS will come up with additional sanctuaries, if for no other reason than we can look forward to more great articles from Marcia and company.

We are also grateful for the contributions to this issue by a host of MOS stalwarts:

-- Phil Davis once again gives us his annual Maryland/DC Records Committed status report.

-- Robin Todd fills us in on recent developments on the Maryland conservation front.

-- Colin Rees reviews Michael Erwin's new book, *Birds, Beaches, and Biologists*.

-- George Radcliffe and Anna Urciolo update us on the latest from the MOS youth and scholarship programs.

-- Maryanne Dolan asks, once more, *Did you Know??*

-- And once again, Marcia Watson makes an eloquent memorial tribute, this time to Norm C. Saunders and his many contributions to the birding community and MOS.

Lastly, of course, Jean Wheeler again has come up with Chapter Chatter, featuring the accounts of adventures by MOS members around the globe. Thankfully, these intrepid souls took the time to describe their experiences and to send in many impressive photographs.

Thanks to all these individuals for making this issue of The Maryland Yellowthroat possible

President's Corner

Maryland Yellowthroat, November 2023

Two weeks ago, MOS was shaken by the news that our beloved president, Bonnie Borsa (Frederick Bird Club), had suddenly resigned for health reasons. According to our by-laws, the vice-president was to automatically assume the role of president. For me —vice-president for just one year— this was a shock. Bonnie was a wonderful mentor and I looked forward to learn a lot more from her. But at this point all I could do was to wish her the best and to lean on others to teach me. Luckily for MOS, I have already been helped considerably by John McKitterick, past president, and by other members of the Executive Council such as Tom Strikwerda and Janet Millenson, both MOS past presidents as well. It is a sign of the strength of MOS that its past officers remain active and ready to transmit their experience to the new ones.

If you wonder who I am, I was born and grew up in Belgium where I obtained a B.S. and Ph.D. in chemistry from the Free University of Brussels. In 1991, I settled in Bethesda, MD and, professionally, at the NIH, from which I retired in 2019. In 2002 my daughter left for college. To fill an empty nest, what could be better than birding? I started at the then Audubon Naturalist Society (now Nature Forward). I caught the bug and never stopped. I joined MOS and the Montgomery Bird Club and was MBC president from 2020 to 2022.

But it is Bonnie Borsa and her accomplishments as MOS president that I mostly want to talk about here. Bonnie's first goal has been to strengthen the bonds between MOS members and MOS institutions. She wants you, chapter member, to understand why it is important that some of your membership dues go to MOS itself and not to your chapter, and what activities they support. She vowed to visit each of the chapters at least once a year, and she has attended monthly meetings in 6 chapters already, some in person, some virtually. In each she gave a well received 3-5 minutes talk.

Bonnie introduced a brilliant new idea: assign the role of connecting chapters and MOS to the chapters' state directors. With the recent large increase in MOS membership, the number of state directors has increased to up to five in large chapters. But the only function of these elected officers used to be attending the four yearly MOS Board Meetings. Bonnie suggested that state directors start speaking to their chapter members at each of the monthly meetings, to explain what goes on at MOS. I look forward to view the results of this initiative.

Bonnie also spent a lot of energy and cheer on reaching out to potential sponsors for the 2023 Wisp Convention. She convinced artists and businesses to donate some of their work for the Silent Auction, helping defray the increasing costs of the convention. Thank you, Bonnie!

A couple of weeks ago I asked Bonnie what she would think of MOS sponsoring the next Nature Forward conferences "Naturally Latinos" (2024) and "Taking Nature Black" (2025). She enthusiastically encouraged me to submit the project to the MOS Executive Committee. The idea has been accepted and, for the first time, some MOS members will lead a bird walk in Spanish, giving me hope for increasing MOS diversity, one of my main goals as president.

Thank you, Bonnie, for a great presidency.

Evelyn Ralston

President, Maryland Ornithological Society

MOS Scholarship Update

Information about the Audubon Hog Island camp workshop scholarships in Maine was detailed in the last Yellowthroat issue. MOS has continued to offer scholarships to teachers and naturalists involved with environmental education and conservation.

Flyers with all necessary information have been sent to Science supervisors and principals in all Maryland public county schools and also to all nature and environmental education centers. MOS will award five scholarships to applicants who work with children and adults and are in those scientific areas. I also appreciate the MOS chapter presidents getting the Flyer information out to their chapter members. This information is also presented on the MOS website.

Three workshops are available to attend in the summer of 2024.

Joy of Birding – June 9 – 14

Field Ornithology – June 16 – 21

Sharing Nature: an Educator's Week – July 14 – 19

The Hog Island Audubon Camp workshops are known for their high level of instruction by top-notch educators such as Pete Dunne and Scott Weidensaul in recent years.

All information about this opportunity is listed on the Flyer with links to other documents. This information is also presented on the MOS website –https://mdbirds.org/education/

The deadline for application documents to be received by the Scholarship Committee is November 5th. I have already received several applications. When all documents have arrived, they will be sent out to the Scholarship Committee to review. As noted above, five recipients will be chosen and then will complete their registration with the Audubon Hog Island camp.

A list of these 2024 scholarship recipients will be listed in the next Yellowthroat,as well as a compilation of reports from the past 2023 camp recipients.

Anna Urciolo

Did you know???????????

Bird check lists are available for both the State of Maryland and DC? You can download them from the MOS webpage.

And don't forget to visit the Birder's Guide to Maryland and DC. Not only will you find great places to bird, you will find a list for each site, too! And it's connected to ebird, too, for those of you who drank the kool-aid. How great is that???????????

CONSERVATION CORNER-NOVEMBER 2023

THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: CELEBRATION AND LOBBYING IN DC

It is now 50 years since President Nixon signed the Endangered Species Act (ESA) into law. A coalition of environmental groups, led by Defenders of Wildlife, with the American Bird Conservancy (ABC) in support, took this opportunity to celebrate the ESA and to lobby for its continued support at event on September 12 and 13 in DC. The other groups were Earth Justice, the Endangered Species Coalition, the Sierra Club, and the World Wildlife Fund. Kurt Schwarz and I attended on behalf of MOS as guests of ABC. It was ABC's Hardy Kern, Annie Chester, and Steve Holmer who coached us, arranged for our meetings with the Congressional representatives and/or their staff, and shepherded us among the maze of congressional buildings. Environmental activists from all over the country attended.

After introductions on the morning of the first day, we formed groups by state and were instructed on how to lobby for the ESA. Our hosts emphasized that our elected representatives really pay attention when their constituents make the effort to visit them, or their staff, in person. One of the presentation slides showed this as the most potent form of contact, ahead of visits from lobbyists, while form emails ranked dead last. Since the representatives and their staff have crowded schedules, meetings were limited to 30 minutes and we were advised to use our time wisely. One should get straight to the point and start by thanking the representative for their past support of the ESA. Then, follow up with one's 'asks' (I still am not comfortable using this word as a noun).

We should include a personal story about how we became involved in bird conservation. My story was the observation of that, in the 1980's, the trees along the Patapsco used to drip with Yellow-rumped and other warblers in late April, whereas now one is lucky to see half a dozen. We should finish up by asking the staffers if they needed anything from us.

The afternoon was devoted to presentations by leaders in the field of environmental conservation, such as the director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries. These were followed by panel discussions on endangered species successes and on strengthening the commitment to protect these species. Congressman Don Beyer (VA-08), a champion of environmental causes, spoke to the assembly before closing remarks and a reception.

On the second day, we visited the staff members of Congressmen Ruppersberger, Sarbanes and Trone and with those of Senators Cardin and Van Hollen. We were joined by Delaware activists, who also met their own DE representatives. Only Congressman Sarbanes was in his office; he graciously listened to and sympathized with our goals. The ABC team emphasized that the representatives rely heavily upon their staff for information so that not meeting with a representative was not a problem. We thanked each staffer for their representative's support of the ESA and their vote for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. We then asked them to urge their representative to continue their support for the Act, especially ensuring that it is fully funded, and to oppose the many ESA-weakening bills from a group of Congressional Republicans. The ESA is already seriously underfunded; some species are only allocated $1,000 per year. In general, the ESA is funded at only 50% of the level necessary to adequately protect listed species. We noted that listing a species as endangered is not a forever status; species that recover are 'delisted' and 7 species have been delisted this year alone.

We then asked that the representatives support H. Res. 195, which would establish a National Biodiversity Strategy. House Res. 195, submitted by Colorado Congressman Joe Neguse, would establish a program to focus efforts to stem the calamitous loss of biodiversity which is now underway. These efforts would involve all levels of government, NGOs, the private sector and the general public, instead of a piecemeal, species by species approach. We asked the staffers for the three Congressman to sign on to H. Res. 195 and for the Senators to work for an equivalent Senate bill. A few days later we learned that Congressman Trone had signed on.

Our final 'ask' was to help the Red Knot by buying out the 10 permit holders for Maryland watermen to 'harvest' Horseshoe Crabs. This would increase the supply of Horseshoe Crab eggs available for this marathon migrant to feed on during its spring stopover. Steve Cottrell, president of Delaware Audubon, made the same request for the 30 or so Delaware permits.

We ended each visit with personal stories of what motivated us to pursue conservation goals. All the staffers took notes, asked questions and assured us of their representatives' continued support of the ESA and were sympathetic to setting up the NBS.

MOS only had the two of us attend this event, even 'though it was a short drive from most parts of the state. Other delegations flew in from all over the country. Kurt and I would appreciate some company in later events; there is strength in numbers. Please consider volunteering for the next lobbying push. You can help make a difference.

Footnote to the May Conservation Corner.

MOS member Steve Sheffield contacted me after reading the May Conservation Corner about lead ammunition and fishing tackle and provided a copy of an excellent review publication on the subject which he had co-authored. I regret not being aware of this report when I wrote the May article. I am attaching the link to Steve's report here and encourage you to read it:

Lead Contamination Review

Hope you are all enjoying the Fall migration!

Regards,

Robin G. Todd PhD

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YMOS NEWS – Fall 2023

YMOS has resumed a full slate of trips this fall with trips to Bombay Hook, Patuxent Refuge, and Cape May. The group is planning another Photo Big Day in December to raise money for an environmental cause, as they did last year.

After our successful run at last May's World Series of Birding, the students are excited about returning to New Jersey next May 11. We plan to send high, middle, and elementary school teams again and a carbon-free team. The Birdathon, which we will hold March 16-17 of next year, will hopefully raise the needed funds to send teams to the event. Our participation in the World Series would be impossible without the fantastic support of so many MOS members. We again send out a hearty thank-you.

One positive vestige of COVID has been the monthly Zoom meeting that the group still holds. Since the students are spread from Garrett County to the Eastern Shore and represent New Jersey, Delaware, and Virginia, these meetings allow all an opportunity to stay regularly connected. Many of the meetings include presentations by YMOS students on their activities, trips, and research. Any MOS member is welcome to join in. Let us know, and we can provide you with a link.

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Maryland/DC Records Committee Status Report

as of October 13, 2023

by Phil Davis, MD/DCRC Secretary

The Maryland/DC Records Committee (MD/DCRC) reached the following record decisions since the latest committee status report was published in *The Maryland Yellowthroat*. This report covers MD/DCRC review packages 194 through 197. MD/DCRC report numbers are shown in brackets. These records will be addressed in additional detail in a future issue of *Maryland Birdlife*. New "state" species (marked with asterisks) include Mottled Duck and Great Kisdakee for Maryland and Say's Phoebe, MacGillivray's Warbler, and Western Tanager for DC. These additions bring the total species on the Official Lists of the Birds of Maryland and DC to 463 and 347, respectively.

More information on the MD/DCRC can be found on the committee's web page at the following URL:

https://mdbirds.org/records-committee/

MD Records Accepted:

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis* [MD/2022-058]

Wilde Lake, Columbia, Howard County.

25-Apr-2022. Up to 13 birds.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis* [MD/2023-003]

Lake Elkhorn, Columbia, Howard County.

28-May-2022. Two birds.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis* [MD/2023-031]

Orchard Hills, Hagerstown, Washington County.

17-Apr-2023. One bird.

Barnacle Goose, *Branta leucopsis* [MD/2022-096]

Chesapeake Farms, Chestertown, Kent County.

04-Dec-2022. One bird.

***Mottled Duck, *Anas fulvigula* [MD/2022-083]**

Potomac River, Carderock, Montgomery County.

27-Mar-2021. One bird.

Mottled Duck, *Anas fulvigula* [MD/2021-139]

Carderock Recreational Area, Bethesda, Montgomery County.

25-Dec-2021 through 07-Mar-2022. One adult male.

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Tufted Duck, *Aythya fuligula* [MD/2023-021]

Fort Armistead Park, Baltimore City, Baltimore County.

19-Mar-2023 through 26-Mar-2023. One bird.

Barrow's Goldeneye, *Bucephala islandica* [MD/2022-099]

Scotland, Point Lookout State Park, Saint Mary's County.

17-Dec-2022 through 28-Jan-2023. One male.

Eurasian Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto* [MD/2022-048]

Ernst Market, Clear Spring, Washington County.

26-Jun-2022 through 16-Aug-2022. Up to two birds.

Eurasian Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto* [MD/2023-004]

E. Eugene Myers Community Park, Frederick, Frederick County.

30-Aug-2022. One bird.

Eurasian Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto* [MD/2023-005]

Emmitsburg, Frederick County.

01-Sep-2022. One bird.

Eurasian Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto* [MD/2023-006]

Dan's Rock, Rawlings, Allegany County.

02-Sep-2022 through 03-Sep-2022. One bird.

White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica* [MD/2022-089]

Hawkins Point, Baltimore City, Baltimore County.

04-Nov-2022. One bird.

White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica* [MD/2023-035]

Camp Brown Road, Scotland, Saint Mary's County.

13-May-2023. One bird.

Yellow Rail, *Coturnicops noveboracensis* [MD/2022-038]

Rumbly Point, Marion Station, Somerset County.

02-Apr-2022 through 03-Apr-2022. One bird.

Yellow Rail, *Coturnicops noveboracensis* [MD/2023-029]

Swan Creek/Cox Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility, Curtis Bay, Anne Arundel County.

17-Mar-2023. One bird.

Northern Lapwing, *Vanellus vanellus* [MD/2023-008]

Masonville Cove, Masonville, Baltimore County.

14-Feb-2023. One bird.

Piping Plover, *Charadrius melodus* [MD/2022-078]

Terrapin Nature Park, Stevensville, Queen Anne's County.

08-Oct-2022 through 14-Oct-2022. One bird.

Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus* [MD/2023-024]

Patton Turf Farm, Dickerson, Montgomery County.

24-May-2022. Two birds.

Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus* [MD/2023-026]

Woodstock, Howard County.

24-May-2022. Two flocks.

Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus* [MD/2023-025]

Alpha Ridge Landfill, Marriottsville, Howard County.

24-May-2022. One flyby flock of 30 birds.

California Gull, *Larus californicus* [MD/2008-006]

St. Charles Towne Center, Waldorf, Charles County.

23-Jan-2008. One second-winter bird.

California Gull, *Larus californicus* [MD/2021-006]

Poplar Island, Sherwood, Talbot County.

23-Dec-2020. One adult, probably *albertaensis* ssp.

California Gull, *Larus californicus* [MD/2022-071]

North Beach Fishing Pier, North Beach, Calvert County.

01-Oct-2022. One adult, non-breeding.

Great Black-backed Gull, *Larus marinus* [MD/2018-001]

C&O Canal Terminus, Cumberland, Allegany County.

07-Jan-2018 through 24-Jan-2018. One first-cycle.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2018-044]

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, Worcester County.

03-Jul-2018. One adult.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2018-045]

Skimmer Island, Ocean City, Worcester County.

05-Jul-2018. One bird.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2020-045]

Assateague Island, Berlin, Worcester County.

22-Jun-2020. One adult.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2020-054]

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, Worcester County.

14-Aug-2020. One adult.

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Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2021-072]

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, Worcester County.

26-May-2021. One bird.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2021-073]

Skimmer Island, Ocean City, Worcester County.

11-Jun-2021. One adult in breeding plumage.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2023-041]

Skimmer Island, Ocean City, Worcester County.

09-Jul-2021. One bird.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2022-054]

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, Worcester County.

15-Jul-2022. One bird.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2022-063]

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, Worcester County.

22-Aug-2022. One bird.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2022-066]

Ocean City Inlet, Ocean City, Worcester County.

07-Sep-2022. One immature.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2023-044]

Skimmer Island, Ocean City, Worcester County.

27-Jun-2023. One adult.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii* [MD/2023-047]

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, Worcester County.

05-Jul-2023 through 07-Jul-2023. Three to five birds.

Arctic Tern, *Sterna paradisaea* [MD/2010-149]

Skimmer Island, Ocean City, Worcester County.

22-Aug-2010. One adult in breeding plumage.

Arctic Tern,*Sterna paradisaea* [MD/2012-082]

Atlantic Ocean, Pelagic Zone, Worcester County.

25-Aug-2012. One juvenile.

Arctic Tern, *Sterna paradisaea* [MD/2014-003]

Violettes Lock, Seneca, Montgomery County.

30-Oct-2012. One juvenile.

Arctic Tern, *Sterna paradisaea* [MD/2016-032]

Atlantic Ocean, Pelagic Zone, Worcester County.

04-Jun-2016. One bird.

Arctic Tern, *Sterna paradisaea* [MD/2022-061]

Atlantic Ocean, Pelagic Zone, Worcester County.

28-May-2022. One bird.

Pacific Loon, *Gavia pacifica* [MD/2023-009]

Ocean City Inlet, Ocean City, Worcester County.

19-Feb-2023 through 22-Feb-2023. One bird.

Wood Stork, *Mycteria americana* [MD/2022-055]

Fishing Creek, Chesapeake Beach, Calvert County.

22-Jul-2022 through 23-Jul-2022. Four juveniles.

Ash-throated Flycatcher, *Myiarchus cinerascens* [MD/2022-087]

Gwynns Falls Trail South, Baltimore City, Baltimore County.

06-Nov-2022. One bird.

***Great Kiskadee, *Pitangus sulphuratus* [MD/2023-020]**

New Market, Frederick County.

11-Mar-2023. One bird.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, *Tyrannus forficatus* [MD/2022-056]

Jefferson, Frederick County.

25-Jul-2022 through 17-Aug-2022. One pair and a juvenile.

Say's Phoebe, *Sayornis saya* [MD/2023-028]

Millington WMA, Millington, Kent County.

06-Apr-2023 through 19-Apr-2023. One bird.

Varied Thrush, *Ixoreus naevius* [MD/2023-030]

Cromwell Valley Park, Towson, Baltimore County.

18-Feb-2023 through 13-Apr-2023. One bird.

Harris's Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula* [MD/2023-001]

Millington, Kent County.

01-Jan-2023 through 17-Apr-2023. One bird.

Savannah Sparrow (Ipswich), *Passerculus sandwichensis princeps* [MD/2023-007]

Hart-Miller Island, Millers Island, Baltimore County.

30-Jan-2023. One bird.

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Black-throated Gray Warbler, *Setophaga nigrescens* [MD/2022-086]

National Colonial Farm, Accokeek, Prince George's County.

28-Oct-2022 through 15-Apr-2023. One HY male (?).

Townsend's Warbler, *Setophaga townsendi* [MD/2023-032]

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, Worcester County.

24-Apr-2023. One bird.

Western Tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana* [MD/2022-098]

Westminster, Carroll County.

11-Dec-2022 through 25-Feb-2023. One bird.

Western Tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana* [MD/2022-101]

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, Worcester County.

27-Dec-2022. One female/immature.

Western Tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana* [MD/2023-027]

Baltimore, Baltimore County.

04-Apr-2023. One female.

Western Tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana* [MD/2023-033]

Sykesville, Carroll County.

20-Apr-2023. One bird.

Lazuli Bunting, *Passerina amoena* [MD/2022-102]

Ayers Creek Family Farm, Berlin, Worcester County.

28-Dec-2022. One bird. [Age/sex?]

MD Records Not Accepted:

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis* [MD/2023-022]

Wilde Lake, Columbia, Howard County.

31-Mar-2023. Seven birds.

Mottled Duck, *Anas fulvigula* [MD/2022-082]

C&O Canal, Widewater, Montgomery County.

03-Nov-2020. One bird.

Yellow Rail, *Coturnicops noveboracensis* [MD/2022-065]

McKee-Beshers WMA (Hughes Hollow), Poolesville, Montgomery County.

27-Aug-2022. One bird.

Little Stint, *Calidris minuta* [MD/2019-031]

Blackwater NWR, Cambridge, Dorchester County.

20-Aug-1983. One bird.

Black-legged Kittiwake, *Rissa tridactyla* [MD/2021-129]

Chesapeake Bay, North East, Cecil County.

03-Nov-2021. One bird.

California Gull, *Larus californicus* [MD/2004-142]

Salisbury, Wicomico County.

24-Feb-1997 through 17-Mar-1997. One adult.

California Gull, *Larus californicus [*MD/2001-022]

Hart-Miller Island, Millers Island, Baltimore County.

29-Jul-2000. One adult in alternate plumage.

California Gull, *Larus californicus* [MD/2007-075]

Back River, Essex, Baltimore County.

29-Mar-2002. One adult.

California Gull, *Larus californicus* [MD/2002-018]

Hart-Miller Island, Millers Island, Baltimore County.

04-May-2002. One third-winter bird.

Arctic Tern, *Sterna paradisaea* [MD/2015-012]

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, Worcester County.

06-Aug-1994. One bird.

Arctic Tern, *Sterna paradisaea* [MD/2019-103]

Patapsco Valley State Park, Halephorpe, Baltimore County.

21-Jul-2006. One bird.

Arctic Tern, *Sterna paradisaea* [MD/2009-101]

Atlantic Ocean, Berlin, Worcester County.

25-Jul-2009. Two adults.

Arctic Tern, *Sterna paradisaea* [MD/2013-030]

Deep Creek Lake, Oakland, Garrett County.

11-May-2013. Probably four or more in a flock of 72 sterna terns.

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Wood Stork, *Mycteria americana* [MD/2012-135]

South River, Crownsville, Anne Arundel County.

06-Aug-1962 through ~07-Aug-1962. Seven birds on 8/6, later only four; all immatures.

Reddish Egret, *Egretta rufescens* [MD/2022-067]

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, Worcester County.

12-Sep-2022. Two birds: one dark morph and one light morph

Bell's Vireo,*Vireo bellii* [MD/2022-064]

Elk Neck State Park, North East, Cecil County.

27-Aug-2022. One adult.

Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus* [MD/2021-003]

Seneca, Montgomery County.

20-May-2011. One bird.

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's), *Setophaga coronata auduboni* [MD/2021-032]

Janes Island State Park, Crisfield, Somerset County.

27-Apr-2021. One adult male in breeding plumage.

DC Records Accepted:

White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica* [DC/2023-034]

East Potomac Park, SW, Hains Point.

10-May-2023. One bird.

California Gull, *Larus californicus* [DC/2022-072]

National Mall, Tidal Basin.

13-Feb-1996. One bird.

Arctic Tern, *Sterna paradisaea* [DC/2015-049]

East Potomac Park, SW, Hains Point.

14-Jun-2015. One bird in alternate plumage.

Anhinga, *Anhinga anhinga* [DC/2022-085]

Anacostia, NE, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens.

27-Oct-2022. One female.

***Say's Phoebe, *Sayornis saya* [DC/2022-077]**

Anacostia, NE, Kenilworth Park.

08-Oct-2022. One bird.

***MacGillivray's Warbler, *Geothlypis tolmiei* [DC/2022-081]**

Baraby Woods, NW, Pinehurst Parkway Park.

15-Oct-2022 through 18-Oct-2022. One bird.

***Western Tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana* [DC/2022-097]**

Trinidad, NE, National Arboretum.

04-Dec-2022. One female-type bird.

DC Records Not Accepted:

California Gull, *Larus californicus* [DC/1998-033]

National Mall, Washington Monument.

23-Jul-1998. One adult, possible fourth year.

California Gull, *Larus californicus* [DC/2007-003]

Downtown, NW.

02-Jan-2007. One bird.

Other Committee News

Taxonomy and Database Updates

The committee's web data products (Official Lists, Review Lists, Abridged databases, etc.) have been updated and now conform with the AOS 64th Supplement Checklist update. These documents can be found on the committee's web pages ...

https://mdbirds.org/records-committee/

The AOS changes that directly affect our regional checklists are:

Northern Goshawk split. The AOS split the Eurasian and North American forms of Northern Goshawk into two species based on significant morphological and genetic differences. The former Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) is now renamed Eurasian Goshawk. Split from the former Northern Goshawk is the new American Goshawk (*Accipiter atricapillus*).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher lump. The AOS determined that the previous 1989 split of Western Flycatcher into Pacific-slope and Cordilleran Flycatcher was a bad split. In the 64th supplement, the Pacific-slope Flycatcher (*Empidonax difficilis*) was renamed Western Flycatcher and the former Cordilleran Flycatcher (*E. occidentalis*) was deleted. This re-lumping is due to a lack of consistent vocal, genetic, morphological differences and extensive hybridization across much of their range. However, the restored Western Flycatcher now encompasses five subspecies, two of which were previously considered to comprise the "Cordilleran Flycatcher".

Note: The MD/DCRC has several "Pacific-slope" (Western) Flycatchers in its review queue. These reviews had been held up pending completion of DNA analyses on fecal samples from one of the birds. There were some complications with this DNA testing, but since test results are now moot, the committee will move forward with these reviews.

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Note: A correction was made to the MD/DCRC database to reflect the proper order of King and Clapper Rail. King Rail now precedes Clapper Rail, per the AOS.

Review List Changes:

The following changes were made to the MD and DC Review Lists:

Maryland

Common Raven– This species was most recently placed in Maryland Review category 4E, reviewable south of Cecil County on the Eastern Shore. The status of this species is changing fast and is now not unusual in Kent or Queen Anne's Counties. Although there are no records yet for the lower Eastern Shore, the committee voted to remove this species from the Maryland Review List and leave future record confirmations to the eBird Team.

Thick-billed Murre– Records are now not uncommon at Ocean City Inlet, so the committee voted to move this species from Category 2 (reviewable statewide) to Category 4B (Species seen in locations other than over the ocean, coastal Worcester County, in major Chesapeake Bay tributaries, or along the Potomac River south of Prince George's County.)

DC

Since there is only one accepted record, the committee agreed to add **Cave Swallow** to the DC Review List.

Annual Meeting

The MD/DCRC Annual Meeting was held in February 2023. Detailed meeting minutes and the annual business summary can be found on the committee's web page here:

https://mdbirds.org/records-committee/records-committee-business-operations/#toggle-id-1

Elections and New Members

Members completing their three-year voting terms were Daniel Irons, Frank Marenghi, and Alex Wiebe. The committee thanks them for all their efforts over the past years. The new members elected for three-year terms were Gerry Hawkins (Arlington, VA), Marisa Rositol (Prince George's County), and Andy Wilson (Frederick County). Matt Hafner was reelected as Chair. Phil Davis was reelected as Secretary.

Review of *Birds, Beaches, and Biologists. Odd Adventures of a Wildlife Biologist*.Michael Erwin.

By Colin Rees

Michael Erwin's passion for seabirds and their future comes across on every page in this engaging book. He has led a privileged career as an academic and lead biologist in governmental and non-profit organizations. While upfront about the many challenges facing wildlife conservation, he brings good humor and humility in offering practical solutions invariably shaped by his deft employment of specialists and dedicated helpers. Michael is rightly sensitive to the avifauna that he observes and warns that "a field biologist always feels some guilt walking into the domain of any wild creatures, however noble their scientific inquiries. We are still learning about just how perceptive bird species are with respect their recognition not only of threat types ... but even recognition of ... "dangerous" individuals from those more innocent."

There are intimate portraits about terns (his favorite birds) and other seabirds beginning with work along the New England shoreline, moving on to New Jersey and the Chesapeake Bay. The author leads expeditions to Guyana, Suriname, France, and remote islands in the Caribbean. Along the way he describes the struggles with telemetry, bird counts from aircraft, and protocols for surveying nesting populations of waterbird species.

While working at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Michael (better known as 'Mike') helped set up monitoring stations in coastal marshes to determine changes in sea level rise against long-term tide gauge records. Readers will be informed about the work required and contrast the variability in constructing 'blinds' beginning with 'novice form' and morphing to the 'tent-blind' and 'plywood constructions' deployed by amateurs and professionals alike.

Two chapters are devoted to restoration and development of Poplar Island. Here the author provides a compelling account of its history and the island's rebirth, detailing the role of wildlife biologists and conservationists in creating a wildlife sanctuary. A section entitled "The Challenges of Engineering the Island" offers a detailed account of the many issues and disciplines involved in achieving multiple objectives, some remaining to be implemented.

Mike clearly has a love affair with this earth, and readers will find surprise and joy in his many journeys spread over 50 decades.

Spot light on:

Carey Run Sanctuary

Garrett County

By Marcia Watson and Jeremy Castle

Note: This article is the final in a series spotlighting the ten sanctuaries owned by the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS). The MOS sanctuaries are spread across the state from Garrett County to Somerset County, but the majority are little-known and seldom visited. Yet all the sanctuaries have something to offer the birder, naturalist, or conservationist. If you are interested in being more involved with your local or any MOS sanctuary, please email sanctuary@mdbirds.org.

The haunting flute-like notes of a Hermit Thrush. The clear, sweet sing-song of a Blue-headed Vireo. The staccato hoots of a Great Horned Owl. The deep sonic rumble of a booming Ruffed Grouse. All set against background sounds of water trickling merrily over a stony stream bottom and the gentle rustling of wildflowers and grasses in the breeze. These and more make up the soundtrack at Carey Run Sanctuary.

Carey Run was the first property purchased by the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS), which now owns ten sanctuaries across the state. The original purchase in 1962 was a 52-acre farm, complete with a farmhouse (Image 1), which had been abandoned for several years. In 1973, MOS purchased another 110 acres, bringing Carey Run to its current size of 162 acres.

Image 1: Farmhouse built in 1887

Photo by Jeremy Castle

The sanctuary is located in eastern Garrett County (Figure 1) and is named for the stream, Carey Run, which flows through the property. Carey Run is a tributary of the Savage River and joins the river just outside the entrance to the sanctuary. Another stream, Hefner Run, flows into Carey Run within the sanctuary. The two stream valleys

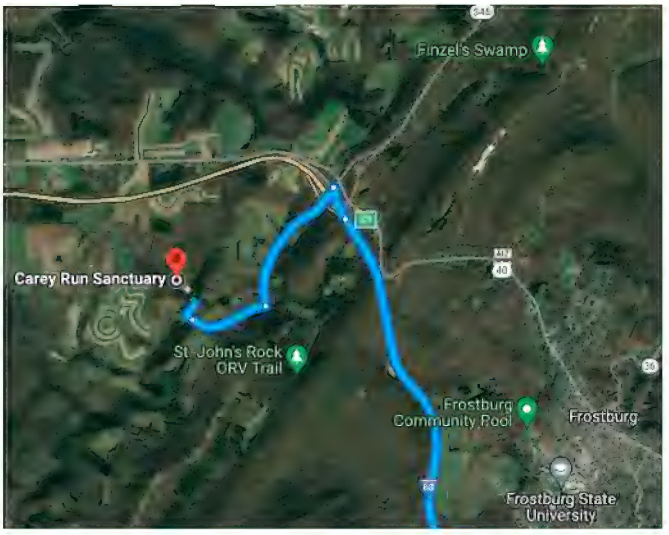

Figure 1: Location of Carey Run in Garrett County

form a Y-shape that cradles the old farmhouse built in 1887 from white pines grown on the property. A small freshwater pond, formed by damming Carey Run, is located a short distance from the house. The original dam was man-made, but beavers occasionally assist in dam remodeling. There have been reports of river otters at Carey Run, as well as black bear, coyotes, and fisher (a mammal in the weasel family, Image 2).

Image 2: Fisher

Photo by Jeremy Castle

Carey Run has diverse plant communities. The majority of the land is covered by mixed deciduous forest interspersed with Eastern Hemlock groves. The sanctuary also holds plantations of White Pine and Douglas Fir, planted when these species were important timber crops. There is a small meadow near the house; a large field and hedgerow combination, along with an old orchard, at the northwest border; and a set of wildlife hedges and grassy meadows in the southwest corner. The fields and

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meadows are mowed once annually in the spring to maintain good habitat for a diverse assortment of grassland birds as well as for pollinators (Image 3).

Image 3: Annually Mowed Field

Photo by Jeremy Castle

The many trails at Carey Run guide visitors through each of its habitats (Figures 2, 3A, 3B, and 3C). The Old Braddock Road, which runs along the Sanctuary's southern border, has significant historical importance as the route created by General Braddock's troops during the French and Indian War in the mid-1700s. Interpretive signage marks the nature trail that parallels the historic road; the placards present a unique interweaving of the military history of the war, the natural history of the land, and the use of the land and its resources by the indigenous Native Americans. The trail and its signage were created by T.C. Hager as an Eagle Scout project.

Carey Run has an extensive bluebird nest box trail, which is maintained and monitored by local MOS members and by students from Frostburg State University. Research on use of the nest boxes by bluebirds and other cavity nesters has been conducted by Professor William Devlin (now retired) and his students since the late 1960s. Carey Run formerly hosted a bird banding station, run by a changing set of volunteer banders for many years. Records indicate that over 68 species were banded on the sanctuary.

Carey Run occasionally hosts large gatherings, including an annual youth nature camp organized by MOS member Dr. Charles "Chuck" Hager. These youth nature camps were suspended during COVID, but hopefully they will be restarted. The sanctuary also hosts annual work days and periodic bio-blitzes by teams of naturalists who perform biological surveys of the flora and fauna.

Chuck Hager and Melissa Hensel of the Allegany-Garrett chapter of MOS serve as sanctuary caretakers. Melissa coordinates the calendar of reservations for the house, as well as helping with many other tasks, both inside the house and out.

The Carey Run farmhouse is available from spring through fall for overnight stays by MOS members or by organized groups engaging in natural history projects. The house has a modernized kitchen, three bedrooms with bunk beds, and a small parlor, and is heated with two wood stoves. Advance reservations are necessary. If you are an MOS member or project leader and wish to stay at the house, see https://mdbirds.org/conservation/refuge-id-1 for more details.

If planning to visit, you should take the weather into account and also check the local temperatures in order to determine what clothes to bring - it can be quite a few degrees colder in the mountains than in the lower parts of Maryland. Set at an altitude of approximately 2,500 feet, and reachable only by rural roads, Carey Run Sanctuary is subject to long cold winters, and it's not uncommon to have snow on the ground well into April. Some winters, the sanctuary may not be accessible until after snow melt.

Current Issues: One of the key features of Carey Run, the stands of Eastern Hemlock, has come under attack from the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA). MOS's sanctuary committee has worked to find a way to try and protect the hemlocks and the cool stream habitat that the hemlocks anchor. Just within the last couple of months, a partnership has come together between MOS, the Forestry Division of Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), and the forestry program at Allegany College to treat Carey Run's hemlock stands (Image 4). Since MOS sanctuaries are open to the public, MDA agreed to treat the Carey Run trees just as they do state forests, free of charge. HWA has caused devastating losses of Eastern Hemlocks throughout their range from Georgia to Maine. The MOS Sanctuary Committee hopes that by taking action at Carey Run now, one of the most biodiverse ecosystems in Western Maryland, of which the hemlock is a keystone, will remain healthy for the foreseeable future.

Birdlife: Over 145 bird species have been reported at the eBird hotspot for Carey Run MOS Sanctuary (Image 5), and there are 167 species on the official checklist maintained by MOS. Carey Run is especially vibrant during spring and fall migration, when thrushes, warblers, flycatchers, and sparrows come pouring through. In addition, the sanctuary and its immediate vicinity host a number of significant breeding species, as identified by the *First* and *Second Breeding Bird Atlas for Maryland and the District of Columbia*. Confirmed breeders include Ruffed Grouse, Sharp-shinned Hawk, American Woodcock, Barred Owl, Alder Flycatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, Black-throated Green Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Field Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, and Purple Finch.

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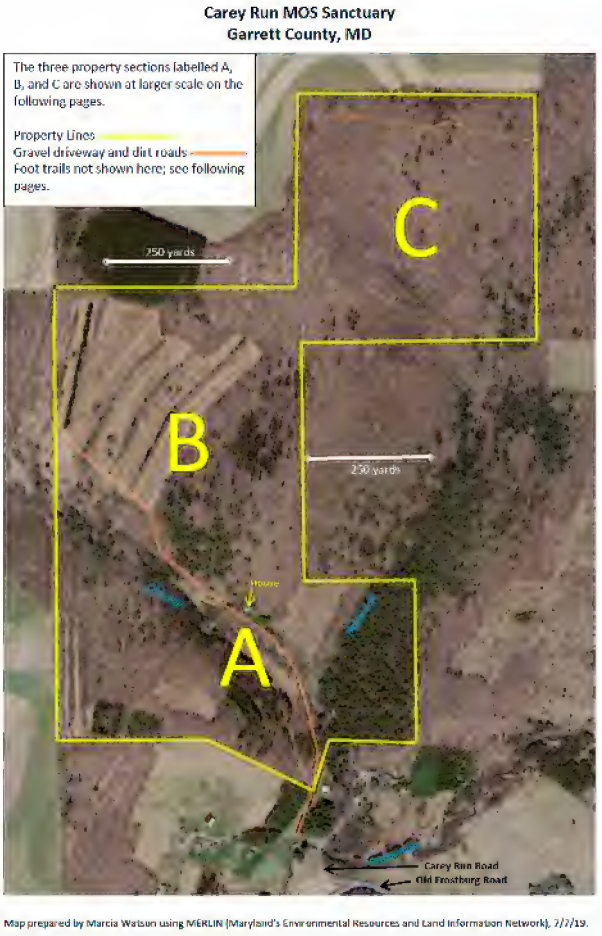
Carey Run MOS Sanctuary
Garrett County, MD
The three property sections labelled A, B, and C are shown at larger scale on the following pages.
Property Lines
Gravel driveway and dirt roads
Foot trails not shown here; see following pages.
C
B
A
250 yards
250 yards
House
Carey Run Road
Old Frostburg Road
Map prepared by Marcia Watson using MERLIN (Maryland's Environmental Resources and Land Information Network), 7/7/19.

Figure 2: Carey Run Property Boundary

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Figure 3A: Carey Run Lower Section Trail Map

Figure 3B: Carey Run Middle Section Trail Map

Carey Run MOS Sanctuary
Garrett County, MD
Section C
150 Yards
Map prepared by Marcia Watson using MERLIN (Maryland's Environmental Resources and Land Information Network), 7/7/19.

Figure 3C Carey Run Upper Section Trail Map

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Allegany College Student Treating a Hemlock

Photo by Jeremy Castle

Note to Atlasers: Submission of eBird checklists with data for the Third MD-DC Breeding Bird Atlas would be especially appreciated. The entirety of Carey Run lies in the Frostburg CW Atlas block. Please remember to use the BBA3 Atlas portal on eBird.

Wheelchair Access: The trails and house are not wheelchair accessible. But there is good birding on the driveway to the house and near the house, allowing those who are mobility-impaired to bird from or near a car. The driveway north of the house leads through a hemlock grove and then to fields and hedgerows, offering further birding, but a 4-wheel drive car with high clearance is needed and even then, only recommended in dry weather and when the driveway is not muddy.

Pet Policy: Pets are permitted on the grounds but must be kept leashed and you must pick up after your pet.

Special Designations: Carey Run MOS Sanctuary is immediately adjacent to the Savage River Important Bird Area, as designated by the National Audubon Society. The Savage River IBA encompasses over 120,000 acres, mostly within Savage River State Forest.

Special Features: As described above, the house at Carey Run is available for overnight stays by MOS members or by organized groups engaged in nature study or research projects. Picnicking is allowed on the grounds. There are two picnic tables near the house. Carey Run is a good place to look for lepidoptera, odonates, other insects, reptiles and amphibians, native plants, fungi, lichens, and more. Species lists from a bio-blitz conducted in 2018 in partnership with the Maryland Entomological Society were compiled by Eugene Scarpulla and published in Maryland Birdlife (2019, Vol. 69. #2, pp. 30-59.

The local chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society is the Allegany & Garrett Counties Bird Club, which hosts activities from time to time at Carey Run. The bird club members have been instrumental in maintaining the sanctuary since its purchase.

Parking: Small gravel parking area for 2 cars outside of locked entrance gate; parking on grassy lawn near house for about 12 cars.

Directions: From I-68 in Garrett County, take Exit 29 for MD Route 546/Finzel Road and Beall School Road. Turn south onto Beall School Road. Continue south on Beall School Road for about 1 mile to a T-intersection. Turn right to go west on Old Frostburg Road. In 1/4 mile, at a fork in the road, bear right to continue west on Old Frostburg Road. In 1/2 mile, at another fork, turn right onto Carey Run Road and follow a bend to the right, going over the bridge over the Savage River. On the other side of the bridge, turn left. Then make a quick right into the gravel lane leading to the Sanctuary. There will be a yellow No Hunting sign on a large post on the right. Continue down the lane to the gated entrance to the Sanctuary. If you have the combination to the gate lock, open the gate and drive to the house, where you can park on the adjacent lawn. Otherwise, park outside the gate and walk in.

Image 5: Common Yellowthroat

Photo by Jeremy Castle

CHAPTER CHATTER

by Jean Wheeler

ANNE ARUNDEL

CAROL AND GERALD'S OCEAN GETAWAY.

Carol and I recently returned from our nearly annual fall sojourn to Ocean City and Chincoteague. Searching for birds and other wildlife in the nearby natural world of oceans, back bays, inland wetlands, and forests always provides us with an end of the summer recharge.

Our adventure began with a boat tour of several of the coastal bays behind Assateague Island, which was arranged by Assateague Coastal Trust Executive Director Brenda Davis. Kim Abplanalp, bird habitat coordinator for the Maryland Coastal Bays program, was our expert bird guide and naturalist. Bird Club members Kim and Gene Hudyma joined us, as did a film maker who is making a documentary on Chesapeake Bay restoration.

Coastal bay sand islands are important waterbird nesting sites, including several state-listed endangered species. Global warming-induced rising seawater has eroded away much of the islands, wiping out nests and preventing nesting success. Abplanalp has the difficult task of conserving colonial waterbirds in the five inland bays. She coordinates bird censuses and restoration with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

She collaborated with DNR's Dave Brinker in implementing a last-ditch effort to help save the common tern, a Maryland endangered species affected by the loss of sand island nesting sites. DNR funded the $108,000 to build an artificial nesting island in Chincoteague Bay located on 18 wooden floats lashed together. The 48-foot by 48-foot "island" is covered with crushed clam shells. Artificial grass, common tern decoys, and recorded calls were employed to attract the terns. "Build it and they will come" was their hopeful motto — and the birds came!

In 2021, 23 nesting pairs bred on the artificial island. In 2022, it was 155 pairs. This year, there were 322 pairs. Common terns reached 25% of their coastal bay population 35 years ago, meaning the real solution is to rebuild once-important breeding islands. Applications to do so have been sitting endlessly with the Maryland Department of Environment.

The next morning, the five of us met with another excellent birder, Scott Housten. Starting at the bayside Ocean City Sunset Park, we had sightings of Merlin, Northern Harrier, Phoebe, Ruddy Turnstones, Prairie Warbler and Caspian Terns, the largest tern in the world.

Ruddy Turnstone

Photo by Carol Swan

At our picnic lunch in Pocomoke River State Park, our guide summoned a bevy of birds by playing a recording of a screech owl. I spotted a life-bird, the hard-to-see Worm-eating Warbler, and we saw other warblers well, including Northern Parula, Black-and-White Warbler, Brown-headed Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Blue Gray Gnatcatcher, and Red-eyed Vireo. At Truitts Landing, we spotted the Seaside Sparrow.

The next day, Carol and I went to Chincoteague and the National Wildlife Refuge and Assateague Island National Seashore. The very dry refuge had very few birds other than great and snowy egrets and great blue herons, but the seashore produced a flock of resting Sanderlings on the sand.

Birds always face into the wind when loafing and there were 35 mph winds as we witnessed bird behavior we had never seen before. The lead birds took the brunt of the wind as others hunkered down behind them. Every few minutes they exchanged places.

We also found a group of 30 migrating Western Willets frantically feeding in the ocean surf. The next day we went on a birding boat tour with a native Chincoteague guide. Most notably, we saw 50 American Oystercatchers and spotted other species including a Bald Eagle dining on a fish.

We were treated to a small pod of Bottle-nosed Dolphins cavorting around our small boat. They were upside down flapping their tales and rubbing against each other.

Oystercatcher at Chincoteague

Photo by Carol Swan

We ended our trip with a visit to the excellent Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. Later we drove the refuge wildlife drive spotting birds, but it was too early for the thousands of waterfowl that will winter there.

Gerald Winegrad

Bald Eagle at Chincoteague

Photo by Carol Swan

CARROLL COUNTY

Roseate Spoonbill at Pine Run

Geraldine King and Tom Feild found another rarity for Carroll County again. On July 21 they found a Roseate Spoonbill. Thank you both for alerting us about it. The bird was seen flying off on July 31 and has not been seen there since. This was not a first for our county. Remember we had one show up in Taneytown two years ago.

Scott Hodgdon.

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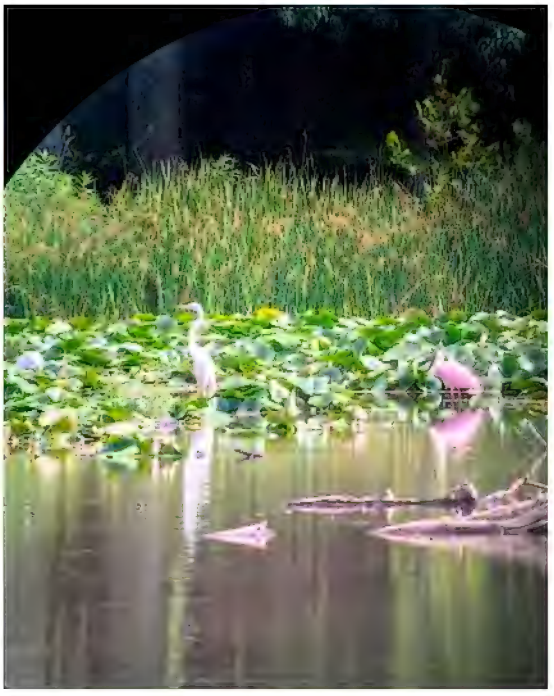


Great Egret and Roseate Spoonbill

Photo by Tom Feild

CECIL COUNTY

It was indeed a cool experience. Of course that was to be expected when Kimberleigh and Ken Drier traveled above the Arctic Circle on the Hurtigruten Svalbard Express in Norway this past September. After spending a couple of wonderful days in the beautiful city of Bergen along the coast Kim and Ken boarded the MS Trollfjord for a two week excursion to Svalbard and back. By the time they embarked on the ship Ken had a list of 16 birds including Magpies, Tufted Ducks, Grey Herons and Hooded Crows for Norway. While hiking up a mountain outside of Honningsvåga few days later the Willow Ptarmigan did not present itself, but Ken did stir up a herd of Reindeer that scampered across the ridge much to everyone's delight. Northern Gannets and White-tailed Eagles were frequently found along the cliffs of the fjords as they made their way north across the Arctic Circle. Black-legged Kittiwakes followed the ship both day and night for days on end. Small flocks of Common Eiders could be seen beneath the towering cliffs along the journey.

Upon reaching Svalbard, the weather turned considerably colder with snow and ice accumulating on the ground at the daily ports of call. At Longyearbyen while hiking into town, Ken found and was able to photograph three Dovekies swimming around the dock area along with some seals.

Dovekie

Photo by Ken Drier

Barnacle Goose

Photo by Ken Drier

Northern Fulmar

Photo by Ken Drier

Aurora Borealis

Photo by Ken Drier

The next day at Ny-Alesund several flocks of Barnacle Geese could be seen flying about and then walking along the barren hill sides. A Hen Harrier also put in an appearance. The Harrier along with the eagle and Dovekies were the only new birds for Ken on the trip. The Northern Lights were active three nights while Kim and Ken were on board, thus dragging them out of bed in the middle of the night to rush up to deck 9 to witness the incredible displays.

Kim and Ken ended the trip by spending three days in Copenhagen on the way home visiting the royal castle, palace and the Little Mermaid statue. A park with a small lake three blocks from the downtown hotel provided Eurasian Coots, Moorhens and both Blue and Great Tits as well as Eurasian Blackbirds.

The Hurtigruten ship was extremely comfortable and the staff was both friendly and knowledgeable about the wildlife to be observed along the route. Plenty of fresh fish for dinner along with a variety of tasty side dishes as well was served daily. The scenery was simply fantastic along the entire voyage through the fjords. The only down side of the cruise was that all the birds had flown south two weeks prior. No Razorbills, no flocks of King or Spectacled Eiders, and not a single Puffin were to be observed along the entire coast. Of course Ken spent most of his time diligently on the upper decks on the lookout.

Ken Drier

HARFORD COUNTY

I promised myself to return to travel in 2023 and I did. However, neither trip was a "birding" trip. But how can a birder not watch birds!? In May and June I traveled with Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT) to Jordan and Egypt. I knew there was going to be a problem when 3 days before my departure, my Egyptian guide sent a very informative email about the trip. Buried in that email was the

statement: "Kindly, be noted that Egyptian airports have recently implemented a new rule of not allowing binoculars in passengers' baggage, neither the carry-ons nor the checked luggage." WHAT! After emailing and a phone call, my very sympathetic guide advised not to bring my best binoculars; however, so far none had been confiscated that he was aware of. Jordan had no problem with my bins. The only problem in Jordan was my luggage did not arrive until the 6th day when I was departing for Egypt. Petra was absolutely magnificent!

Egypt was all that I thought it would be and more! To stand at the foot of the Great Pyramid, the Sphinx, and ancient temples like Abu Simbel and Karnak is unbelievable! Awe doesn't begin to express my emotions. I enjoyed the camel ride at the Pyramids of Giza. Thanks to some "plan", my guide worked magic at the airport as we traveled from Cairo to Aswan. The "TSA" types at the 1st X-ray machine were quite emotional and vociferous as they discovered my old ratty looking bins in my checked luggage. But somehow the guide and a compatriot convinced the fellows to allow my binoculars. That was huge, as this trip visited many bird rich habitats even if it was summer. The gardens at the Old Cataract (the hotel where Agatha penned Death on the Nile) were very birdy. I saw Hoopoes and Nile Valley Sunbird among others. The 5 days sailing down the Nile in a Dahabeah was a wealth of birds. I would have been miserable without binoculars. Several others were sad that they had not tried to do what I did. Of course I could not take the binoculars to any of the temples or tombs, as the Tourist Police would have kept them until I left the premises. Yet they allowed cameras of all sizes!

Hoopoe

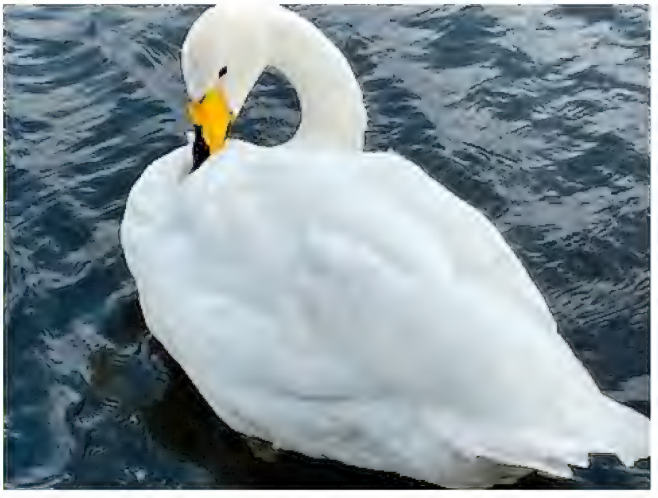
Photo by Jean Wheeler

In August I went to Iceland and Greenland with the same company (OAT). This time with my Zeiss binoculars and high hopes of lots of bird sightings. I was not disappointed. In fact my exuberance infected all of the other 11 participant's with the "bird watching bug!" Once they had seen puffins, they were all on board. Our guide told me he was becoming more interested in birds with each trip he led. He even arranged for a short pelagic for me, and I was joined by 4 others. We saw puffins, Common Eider, Red-throated Diver (loon), Black Guillemot, numerous duck species, and White-tailed Eagle. My species count for this non-bird trip was 44. It could have been a lot more if only the bus had stopped at several mudflats that were teaming with shorebirds and waders.

Jean Wheeler

Atlantic Puffin

Photo by Jean Wheeler



Whooper Swan

Photo by Jean Wheeler

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Michael Bowen and Anne Cianni traveled to the UK to attend Mike's reunion dinner for chemical engineers at the University of Birmingham, but they also added some visits to birding areas to their itinerary. "In the London area we

visited Alexandra Park (European Robin, Peregrine Falcon), Hampstead Heath (Green Woodpecker, multiple Rose-ringed Parakeets), and wetland reserves in Walthamstow and Woodberry (Gadwall, Pochard, Tufted Duck, Great Crested and Little Grebes). In Conwy County, North Wales, we birded the large, productive RSPB reserve (Greenfinch, Dunnock, Northern Wheatear, Rock Pipit, and many resting waders at high tide, including Redshank, Whimbrel, European Curlew, European Oystercatcher, Ringed Plover and a single Little Stint), the beautiful National Trust property at Bodnant Garden (Raven, Red Kite, Buzzard, Ring-necked Pheasant), and the extensive beach at Llanfairfechan (large flock of Dunlin and more than 100 Oystercatchers). Most swallows had already moved South, but there were still many House Martins and a few Barn Swallows at Bodnant Garden. Our last birding stop was at the RSPB Reserve at Rye Meads (Hertfordshire) which allowed great views of Green and Common Sandpipers and the only Stock Doves of the trip."The eBird Trip Report can be found at:
https://ebird.org/tripreport/158366

United Kingdom Bird Photos by Mike Bowen

Eurasian Jackdaw

Black-headed Gull

Tufted Duck

Northern Wheatear

Green Sandpiper

Debby Berlyne writes: "Danny and I spent a couple of weeks in Finland in early August visiting my nephew and his family, who live in Helsinki. While the focus of the trip

was on spending time with family, and it rained just about every day (sometimes quite heavily), and August is not bird season in Finland, we did manage to spot some interesting birds. We saw White Wagtails, Hooded Crows, and Barnacle Geese everywhere. Mute Swans were quite common around Finland's many archipelagos, as were Grey Herons and Great Cormorants. Other species seen were Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Eurasian Oystercatchers, Eurasian Magpies, Eurasian Blackbirds, and Common Eiders. Some of the most exciting birding sights, at least to us, were a couple of Tawny Owls hanging out in a chimney in a Helsinki park and a gull harassing a Golden Eagle."

Chris Wright

Finland Bird Photos by Debby Berlyne

Barnacle Goose

Common Eider

Eurasian Oystercatcher

Great Spotted Woodpecker

Tawny Owls

TALBOT COUNTY

A Naturalist's trip to Chile – Solaris Expeditions

When your sister asks if you want to go on a trip to Chile with some of your favorite birding buddies, you jump at the chance. This adventure was incredible as a birder and a naturalist. The variety of landscapes, new vegetation, fascinating geology and 140 life birds, formed lasting memories.

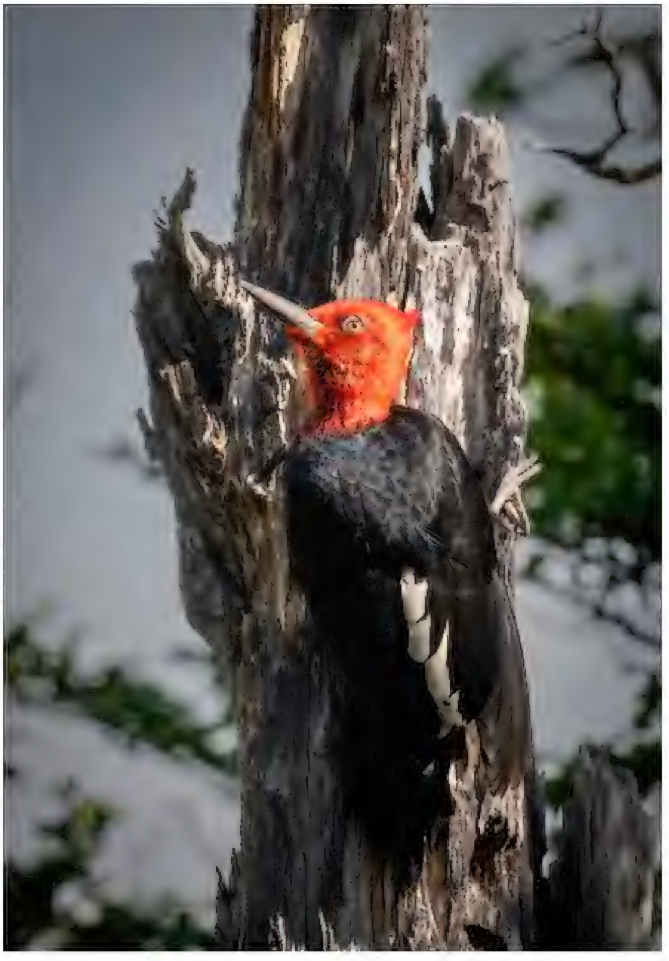
Beginning our trip in the Atacama Desert at 12,000 ft was a bit of an adjustment from our"sea-level" home in Maryland. The wonder of this driest area on earth (where it rains an average of 1-15 millimeters per year) kept our minds intrigued and any light-headedness at bay. The lunar-like landscape is dotted with salt-encrusted stones and pink or orange sands which constantly blow into new formations. We rode up to 14,000 ft to the El Tatio Geyser field before the sun rose above the surrounding volcanos. As it warmed up, the hot springs started to bubble, geysers spewed small bursts of water and steam,"feeding" the cyanobacteria, creating red, yellow, orange, and green colored masses of living organisms.

Our visit to the nearby salt flats presented us with two new birds: Both Chilean and Andean Flamingo. The tiny invertebrates they seine for in the shallow waters, turn the white feathers with which they are born, to several shades of pink. Andean Avocets, Puna Plover, Horned Coot, Baird's Sandpipers (which winter here-migrating south using the ridges of the Andes to help them navigate) and many others were present here as well.

We traveled south to Valparaiso on the western coast where we were treated to a boat ride off the coast into the nutrient-rich Humboldt Current. We observed several pelagic birds including 5 species of albatross. How fascinating to watch as they flew close to our boat with their 7-9ft wingspans, rarely flapping until they dip toward the water to claim some chum. Many other birds were spotted: Inca Terns, Peruvian Booby, Kelp Gulls, several species of cormorant, storm-petrels, shearwaters, and two species of giant petrels.

As we traveled further south the vegetation changed dramatically. Araucaria or Monkey-puzzle trees over 300 years old towered above the landscape in Conguillio National Park, a preserve for this decimated population. There was abundant ground cover as well, enough for us to hear and sometimes see the tapaculo and huethuet, Wiretail, rayadito and cinclodes that live in these secretive places. We travelled by plane and bus covering almost 3,000 miles once we reached Tierra del Fuego. Here we were fortunate to see one of the very few nesting colonies of King Penguins north of the Antarctic. A short boat trip off Chiloe Island in southern Patagonia allowed us to observe nesting Humboldt and Magellanic Penguins. Our final stay near there was in Torres del Paine National Park. This is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, with a diverse landscape: thick green forest, glacial fed lakes, windswept steppe, and a turquoise glacier. Andean Condors soared overhead, and it was here that we found the elusive Magellanic Woodpecker, the **4000th** life bird for my brother-in-law, Dr. Bill Buskirk, Emeritus Professor, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. This was a fitting ending to an incredible adventure.

Trish Cope



Magellanic Woodpecker

Photo by Bruce Evans

Birds and Birding on the Eastern Shore

Since Fall 2016, TCBC member Wayne Bell has taught **Birds and Birding on the Eastern Shore** in collaboration with the Chesapeake Forum continuing education program and the Washington College Center for Environment and Society. The spring 2023 semester saw the course's 15th iteration.

The course began as a primer on bird identification with live lectures and field trips to local venues such as Pickering Creek Audubon Center, Adkins Arboretum, and Oxford Conservation Park. Local landowners invited

classes to enjoy wonderfully birdy habitats on their private farms. Visits to Hope House and Wye Farm demonstrated what it means to be a dedicated custodian of an economically and environmentally productive working landscape. In time, field trip destinations expanded to include Ocean City ("Coastal Specialties"), Bombay Hook NWR ("Amazing Shorebirds"), Foreman's Branch Banding Station ("A Bird in the Hand"), and Cambridge waterfront and Blackwater NWR ("Wondrous Waterfowl"). Bell expanded course content to include bird migration and principles of ecology (biodiversity and ecological succession).

Thanks to the dedication of the Chesapeake Forum staff and to ZOOM, the course survived COVID with only a brief hiatus. In the last two semesters Bell changed the format to teach bird ID entirely in the field, book-ending a half dozen trips with two live classes to introduce newbies to birding and to review challenging ID's of species seen. Birds and Birding on the Eastern Shore targets novices but seasoned birders are welcome as they generously share their field expertise with everyone -- including the instructor! The limit of 16-20 participants is filled minutes after registration opens. Bell notes, "Many of the graduates have become members of the TCBC; some are participating in local environmental initiatives. Best of all, they have adopted a new lifelong hobby, and I have adopted new lifelong friends."

Wayne H. Bell

TRI-COUNTY

In July, the American Birding Association appointed **Wayne Klockner** as its new Executive Director. Wayne's career began as a field biologist for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources where his work included assessing the impacts of development on coastal wetlands. He went on to a long career with The Nature Conservancy, serving in leadership positions in Maryland, New York, Indonesia, and Massachusetts. His work with TNC led to conservation of thousands of acres of natural areas, successful restoration of freshwater rivers and streams, restoration of commercial and shell fisheries, and initiation of planning efforts to define TNC's global climate strategy. After retiring from TNC, Wayne returned to Maryland and joined the Tri-County Club. Fortunately, his new position with ABA will allow Wayne to continue living in Ocean City and enjoying the birding and other benefits of living on the Eastern Shore!

Ellen Lawler

At the request of ranger Mark Herring at Janes Island State Park, the **Tri-County Bird Club (TCBC)** has been providing a bird walk once a month all summer, deliberately set for the middle of the week to keep the group size manageable. Not only has it been an opportunity to bird the park, but it adds prestige to TCBC and MOS and gives us a chance to recruit new members. The walks have been led by **Marcia Balestri, Paul Bystrak, and Mike Walsh**. 30-40 species have been seen in the 1-2 hour walks. Species seen include Brown-headed Nuthatch, Pine Warbler, White-eyed Vireo, Summer Tanager, and most of the herons and egrets, as well as White Ibis. If other chapters would like to consider a similar program, the rangers at Janes Island could probably provide contact information at the park of your choice.

Paul Bystrak

Tri-County membef Mike Walsh leading a bird walk at Janes Island State Park, June, 2023

Photo by Paul Bystrak

Marcia Balestri and Suzette Stitely spent a month on the island of Borneo and peninsular Malaysia, both Malaysia & Borneo being a classic destination for southeast Asian rainforest birding. Their *Tropical Birding* tour started with a pre-trip extension of the main tour where they spent a week near the town of Ba'kelalan in the state of Sarawak, Malaysia. They stayed at a well-appointed homestay owned by a local community teacher and birder. They spent their time looking for the mid-altitude specialties of the foothills and ventured into higher altitudes to try for some species that are harder to find on the main tour. Highlights on this part of the trip were 4 frogmouths including the endemic Bornean and Dulit Frogmouths, the endemic Black Oriole, Whitehead's Spiderhunter, Mountain Serpent-Eagle, Sunda Owlet, the unusual Hook-billed Bulbul, and Raffles and Red-billed Malkoha.

The main tour, *Broadbills and Bristleheads*, focused on three prime areas in the northeastern state of Sabah: Borneo Rainforest Lodge in the Danum Valley, the Kinabatangan River, and Kinabalu Park, with some stops in between. In these places, they enjoyed not only a high proportion of the 48 endemic birds, but a plethora of more widespread Asian birds and other wildlife.

The Borneo Rainforest Lodge in the remote Danum Valley is one of the largest remaining stands of primary forest in Borneo. The forest hosted a dazzling cast of pittas, babblers, trogons, barbets, broadbills, and many other fabulous birds and animals, including Bornean Crested Flameback, Great Argus, the strange Bornean Bristlehead, both the Black-crowned and Blue-headed Pitta, and 3 different trogons – Red-naped, Diard's, and Scarlet Rumped. One of their most wanted sightings was of a couple of cooperative orangutans, one mature male building a nest for the night, and on another day, a young one putting on quite a show for the group clambering up and down a couple of fruiting trees stopping to feed now and then.

The meandering passage of the Kinabatangan River feeds the low-lying swamp forests where Marcia and Suzette were treated to troops of Proboscis and other monkeys and a vast array of wonderful birds including seven species of hornbill, Storm's Stork, Red-and-Black Broadbill, Black-and-Yellow Broadbill, the endemic Golden-naped Barbet, and Buffy Fish-Owl.

In contrast, Mount Kinabalu is one of those truly memorable mountains that seem to burst from the ground. The cool montane forests on the slopes of Kinabalu and the surrounding Crocker Ranges are home to most of Borneo's endemic species. Highlights here were Red-breasted Partridges, Bornean Green-Magpie, Long-tailed Broadbill, the stunning Temminck's Sunbird, and the hard-to-find Everett's Thrush.

For the final few days, Marcia and Suzette traveled to peninsular Malaysia for a post-tour extension to visit the three premier sites on mainland Malaysia: Kuala Selangor for a dose of mangrove species and coastal birds, the iconic Fraser's Hill for an array of hill forest birds, and lastly dropping down into the hot and humid lowlands at Taman Negara, a national park with one of the world's oldest deciduous rainforests, estimated to be more than 130 million years old. Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara were loaded with spectacular birds like Malayan Partridge, Fire-tufted Barbet, Brown Wood-Owl, a nesting pair of Green Broadbills, Pygmy Cupwing, and Garnet Pitta. This area was an especially rich region for woodpeckers, and Marcia and Suzette came away with 17 different species! The final tally for the tour was 379 species including 41 out of the 48 Bornean endemics.

Marcia Balestri

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Antpittas in the Andes

Washington County Bird Club members Mark Abdy and Heather McSharry traveled to Ecuador in March of 2023 for a high Andes birding trip. Among many highlights, their visit with legendary birder and conservationist Angel Paz and his Refugio Paz de las Aves, stood out as truly extraordinary. Mr. Paz grew up as a farmer on his family's land outside Mindo, developing a love for the rainforest and its wildlife. Welcoming birders onto his land, he began to make a little extra money hosting them, and learned that these visitors were especially keen to see the several

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta

Photo by Mark Abdy

species of shy and elusive antpittas in the area. The conventional wisdom among the"experts" at the time was that the antpittas would avoid humans as much as possible and getting a sighting required stealth and luck. However, with his long experience in the forest, Angel reasoned that antpittas were not so different from chickens and would come out to be fed like chickens do. With great patience and creativity, Angel succeeded in training several species not only to come out of the thick understory for worms he collected, but to actually come to his calling and whistling for them! A legend was born and birders"flocked" to his reserve.

Our visit there began well before sunrise with a hike on dark and slippery trails to the hide Mr. Paz built for viewing the Andean Cock-of-the-rock lek on his property. As the morning light began to filter through the thick forest, we began hearing the birds' odd squeals and caws, and soon the intensely orange males appeared and began their displays. Next, we moved to the lovely restaurant/visitor center and were treated to a delicious brunch of Ecuadorean specialties. Then, the almost unbelievable experience of moving from one carefully prepared viewing area to another where Mr. Paz and his brother laid out their worm baits, whistling and talking to each antpitta species in turn, until they appeared as promised to enjoy their own brunch and pose for amazed birders. We tallied 61 species at the reserve, including five antpittas. What an experience!

Mark Abdy & Heather McSharry

Andean Cock-of-the-Rock

Photo by Mark Abdy

Pileated Woodpeckers at Nest Hole

Photo by Karla Graul

News from Valley Meadow Farms

Here's a fun first for us earlier this summer at our family farm on Sideling Hill in Washington County. We've heard the Pileated's drumming, and shrill calls for decades and often see them in flight or evidence of their excavating... but to locate and watch a nest entrance daily with patient, faithful parents feeding and teaching their young was amazing.

MOS friends at Valley Meadow Farms (Hancock, MD) enjoyed observing a Pileated Woodpecker's nest this summer alongside a favorite trail. From daily ground observation, three young hatched & fledged successfully.

Guests visit valleymeadowfarms.com year-round to enjoy miles of woodland and meadow trails over 400 acres daily or many arrange for stays in the farm's historic farmhouse.

Karla Graul

HOWARD COUNTY

A new fledgling birder has arrived!

Congratulations are in order for the Howard County Bird Club's President, Kristin Trouton, who delivered a baby girl on Tuesday, August 29. Her name is Lucy Lyell. She weighed 7 pounds 1 oz.

Gregg Petersen

Western Willets at Chincoteague Photo by Carol Swan

A Gallery of Photos from Chile by Bruce Evans

(See Trish Cope's trip account on Page 21)

Guanacos, Torres del Paine National Park, Chile

Wilson's Storm-petrel

Guanaco

Southern Royal Albatross

In Memoriam: Norman C. Saunders

April 29, 1948 – June 19, 2023

By Marcia Watson

MOS lost one of our most productive leaders on June 19th, 2023, when Norman C. Saunders, known as "Norm" to everyone, passed away from complications of chronic disease at the age of 75.

Norm and his wife Fran Saunders joined MOS in 1988, and immediately stepped to the forefront, assuming many leadership roles in MOS over the following 3 decades. Norm and Fran were partners for many joint roles in MOS; for example, one of their first contributions, from 1988 through 1993, was to serve as the co-editors of the chapter activities calendar in the *Maryland Yellowthroat*.

Norm moved up to become the editor of the *Maryland Yellowthroat* in 1993, succeeding Mark Hoffmann. Norm remained the *Yellowthroat* Editor until 2003, a remarkable feat when you consider two other significant roles he filled within that same time period: he was MOS Vice-President from 1996-1998 and MOS President from 1998-2000. Norm's ability to fulfill these roles simultaneously demonstrates his remarkable energy and commitment as well as his ability to multi-task and stay focused.

Norm stated that his vision for his presidency of MOS was ". . . a vision that would make the MOS more responsive to our membership and to the various communities that we serve. I have followed and continued to follow a vigorous plan to revitalize the MOS and each of its Committees and programs."

Indeed, Norm's tenure as President was a time of dynamic growth and outreach by MOS across the state. Norm made a conscious effort to reach out to the smaller and more remote chapters of MOS, as well as to individual MOS members-at-large. Norm encouraged the leaders of small chapters such as Cecil, Kent, Tri-County, and Allegany-Garrett, making sure that they had a seat at the table in steering MOS.

Fred Fallon of the Patuxent Bird Club noted that "Among Norm's lesser-known contributions to Maryland birdlife was his support as MOS president, sometimes behind the scenes and in the face of opposition, for MD Partners in Flight in its struggle to advocate sound management practices for MD land-birds. For that MD birds have benefited. Indeed, Norm was a man of strong opinions, strongly expressed. But at the end of an exchange he was always courteous, and in any case 'we take our giants as we find them.' Norm was that kind of giant." Partners in Flight is an international partnership of multi-disciplinary government and private agencies that focuses on bird conservation issues.

While busy leading MOS, Norm had an entire other bird-related career as an impresario of computer-based bird information forums. Around 1987, he established The Osprey's Nest (TON), the VERY FIRST computer-assisted birding resource forum for birders. At the time, the internet as we know it now did not yet exist, and even email was just coming into being. Birders had for some time been using telephone systems to share bird information: the way it worked was to call a certain phone number to hear a weekly verbal summary of birds reported by people in your area. The pre-eminent telephone system in the DC area was the Voice of the Naturalist; the recordings on the Voice were produced manually and changed weekly. The advance that Norm introduced was to present birders with a selection of resources via computer, including timely reports from their fellow birders. The Osprey's Nest was active until about 1997, and during that time, The Osprey's Nest became far more than a computer platform, because Norm and Fran hosted picnics and other in-person get-togethers for Osprey's Nest users, building a sense of community and friendships across the state.

A big advance came in 1997 with Norm's establishment of MDOsprey, a birding listserv that enabled instantaneous exchange of emails among members of the listserv, providing an agile system for sharing reports of rare birds as well as more general discussions of bird-related topics. Both The Osprey's Nest and MDOsprey was financed by Norm and Fran out of their own pockets: they assumed all the costs associated with the computer server.

The welcome message to MDOsprey, posted by Norm and Fran on October 13, 1997, stated the purpose of the listserv: "Now, in this age of almost instantaneous e-mail, we can reach out to people throughout Maryland and hopefully begin to see again a sense of community among birders all over the state and from anywhere else in the

world who have an interest in birding in Maryland. Like The Osprey's Nest, we hope that MDOsprey will serve as a focal point for those who just want to chat about birding. You don't have to be a Ph.D. ornithologist, you don't need to ask 'intelligent' questions, you just need to enjoy birds and want to know more about birding in Maryland."

Eventually, the birding community in Maryland outgrew the MDOsprey platform, which was limited in the number of subscribers who could join. MDOsprey closed down in 2012 and was succeeded by the still-operational MD & DC Birding Google Group, which, like MDOsprey, serves for open discussion of any bird-related topic.

Norm's contributions to digital birding were not limited to Maryland. In 1990, Norm got together with Chuck Williamson from Arizona to found BirdRBA,a compilation of postings from electronic Rare Bird Alerts from all over the country. In 1991, BirdRBA morphed into BirdChat and three regional email listservs: BirdEast, BirdCntr, and BirdWest. BirdChat, like MDOsprey, provided an email-based forum for discussion of bird-related topics on a national scale. The BirdChat platform ran on BITNET, a forerunner of the internet. BirdChat was the one-stop-shop for dissemination of bird information that arguably led directly to the very active national and international hobby of chasing rarities, as well as the more laid-back hobby of travel birding in general. Norm's contributions to the national landscape of birding were truly profound and long-lasting.

Along the way, there were many other incidental accomplishments and contributions:

·Co-compiler, with Fran Saunders, of the *Birds of Maryland and the District of Columbia--A County Check-List* (1990; a 58-page listing of the 387 species on the Maryland list, arranged by the counties in which they had been seen).

·Co-author, with Fran Saunders, of the Bank Swallow species account in the first *Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Maryland and the District of Columbia* (1996, pp. 240-241).

·Editor, *MOS Annual Listers' Report*, 2001-2009.

·Compiler, Annual Triadelphia Reservoir Audubon Christmas Bird Count.

·Regional Editor for Delaware & Maryland, Audubon Christmas Bird Count Annual Report, starting with the 102nd Annual Count (2001-2002) through the 109th Annual Count (2008-2009).

·Supporter, with Fran, of the World Series of Birding, organizing the MOS entries from 1997 through 1999, a tradition that continues to this day.

In the days after Norm's passing, many of Norm's friends wrote to the MDBirding Google group with their recollections and tributes. Rick Sussman, who met Norm through The Osprey's Nest, voiced some themes that were echoed by others. Rick wrote: "I think I didn't actually meet Norm in person until 1990 or '91, when we met at ANS headquarters (Woodend) in Chevy Chase. We would eventually become very good friends (and he became a sort of mentor to me in the computer and Christmas Count world). It was because of Norm that I first joined MOS, did my first Christmas Count, and discovered birding outside of Montgomery County. Eventually Norm passed the reins of the Triadelphia CBC compiler over to Nancy and me, and I hope we met his high level of standards. Also in these early years, Norm led many birdwalks through The Backyard Naturalist in Olney, sponsored by Debi and Mike Klein, where a small group of us became lifelong friends, even to this day. Just prior to The Ospreys Nest morphing into MDOsprey, we threw him and Fran a big surprise party/picnic at Brighton Dam, where we presented them with a large full-size weathervane of an Osprey (paid for by donations from his The Osprey's Nest friends, unbeknownst to him) which took a place of honor at their (new) home near Ocean City. It was a wonderful time!"

Norm's contributions in the computer realm of birding were made possible, at least in part, by skills he carried over from his formal employment with the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, where he worked in the employment projections program from 1970 through 2006. (Oh yes, while Norm was doing all those things for MOS, MDOsprey, and BirdChat, he was also holding down a full-time job!) His achievements at the Bureau of Labor Statistics led to his receiving a Distinguished Career Service Award from the US Department of Labor in 1999.

Norm is survived by his beloved wife Fran, who lives in Cambridge, MD, and by his son and daughter-in-law Christopher and Barbara Saunders and by daughter Maureen Cross, as well by three grandchildren. The family suggests donations in Norm's memory to YMOS, the youth birding program of MOS. To donate to YMOS, send a check to Carol Daugherty/MOS Treasurer, 11925 Oden Ct., Rockville, MD 20852, and indicate that the donation is for YMOS programs in Norm's honor. Or, you may choose to send a donation in Norm's memory to any organization of your choice.

To read more about Norm:

Obituary: https://www.thomasfuneralhomepa.com/obituary/NormanC-Saunders

"The Origins and Legacy of BirdChat" by Chuck Otte, *Birding*, January-February 2008

https://www.aba.org/birding_archive_files/v40n1p54.pdf

Rest in peace, Norm. Your final rest is well-deserved.

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MOS Calendar

Through 2/29/2024

Field Trips

Please follow all restrictions requested by the host organization. Additional details are posted on MOS and chapter web sites.

11/1	8:30 – 10:30 AM	Beginner Bird Walk	Host: Howard Bird Club Leader Val Swan, valnjeff55@gmail.com Description: Find the Clues. Limit 5. Learn to use habitat, behavior, manner of flight, etc. to assist in bird identification. Registration required.
11/1	9 – 11 AM	Fort McHenry	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Mary Chetelat (443-564-6551) Description: Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Binoculars required. Please contact the walk leader 24 hours in advance to confirm attendance and any changes to the walk schedule.
11/2	3 – 6 PM	Lake Artemesia	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader T. Watson Description: Two-mile walk around lake on paved path, wheelchair-accessible. Families welcome. Meet at parking area at corner of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Leader varies. For more information, see PGAS Meetup site at https://www.meetup.com/Prince-Georges-Audubon-Society/
11/3 – 5	All Day	Irish Grove Work Weekend	Host: MOS Sanctuary Committee Description: This year's activities will include trail maintenance, structure maintenance, and house cleaning/upkeep, and, of course, BIRDING. Contact Jeremy Castle: jeremy.castle@mdbirds.org for any questions or to sign-up.
11/4	7:30 AM – 12 PM	Fran Uhler Natural Area	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader Bill Sefton (kiwisuits@msn.com). Description: Two-mile out-and-back walk at natural area on the Patuxent River – fields, wet woods, brushy areas Meet at east end of Lemon's Bridge Road, off Route 197 just north of Bowie State University.
11/4	8 AM – 12 PM	Turkey Point	Host: Cecil Bird Club leader: Ken Drier (KDRIER@ZOOMINTERNET.NET) Description: Join us for the traditional walk through the woods and fields for migrant songbirds, including warblers, vireos, flycatchers and more.
11/4	9:30 AM – 12 PM	Howard Conservancy at Mt Pleasant Farm Sky Watch	Host: Howard Bird Club Leader Russ Ruffing, russruffing@gmail.com Description: This trip will be strictly a sky watch for late-migrating raptors and other potential goodies.
11/4	All Day	Waggoner's Gap Hawk Watch	Host: Carroll County Bird Club Contact: Tom Miller birdertwm@verizon.net Description: If the wind is right, we should see Red Tail Hawks, Red-Shoulder Hawks, Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, and Possible Golden Eagle and Rough-Legged Hawks. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Park & Ride on Rt. 97 just south of Rt 32. We will carpool from there.
11/4	All Day	Hawk Watch	Host: Frederick Bird Club Leader Tom Humphrey (240-793-2508). Description: Contact leader for meeting time and location.
11/4	TBD	Rock Creek's North Branch Stream Valley	Host: Montgomery Bird Club Leaders Kathy Reitz: kreitz@reitzstuff.com or 240 463 0044 and Deborah Hanley, djhanley1952@yahoo.com or 202 446 7255 Description: Discover upper Rock Creek's watershed with a variety of habitats. Meet at Bowie Mill Park next to Sequoyah Elementary School. Limit 16.
11/5	7 AM – 12 PM	Kingston Landing	Host: Talbot Bird Club Leader Susan Henyon (240-582-3882 or suehenyon@rocketmail.com) Description: Waterfowl, shorebirds, sparrows. Depart from Easton Acme parking lot at 7 am. Breakfast to follow, hosted by Bettye Maki.
11/5	7:30 AM – 5 PM	Bombay Hook NWR	Host: Harford Bird Club Leader David Larkin (410-569-8319 or larkin3001@comcast.net). Description: Join Dr. David Larkin scoping pools and flats for waterfowl, herons, and hawks at this Eastern shore park. Meet at the RT. 155/I95 Havre-de-Grace P&R.
11/5	8 – 11 AM	Monthly Walk at Kinder Farm Park	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Alan Young, 410-991-8300 or alanmyoung@gmail.com
11/5	8 – 11 AM	Lake Roland Serpentine Barrens	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Sam Tillman (sam.tillman@gmail.com) Description: The southwest corner of Lake Roland Park is a mix of pine forest and serpentine barrens. Join us to explore the birds and plants of this unusual site. Meet at the parking lot behind the Home and Hospital School, 6229 Falls Rd, Baltimore 21209. Limit 12; must register with the trip leader.
11/5	8 – 11 AM	Centennial Park	Host: Howard Bird Club Leader Russell Kovach, Russell.kovach@gmail.com Description: Easy walking on paved paths around Centennial Lake. Woodlands, fields and water host a wide variety of species. Great view of the sky for flyovers. Early waterfowl, lingering migrants likely. Facilities available. West end parking lot.
11/5	8 – 10 AM	YMBC Walk: Black Hill Regional Park	Host: Montgomery Bird Club Mentors Lauren Carey and Dave Powell. RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/YMBCFall23. If you are interested in being a mentor, contact youth.birding@gmail.com. Description: A premier county location for migrating waterfowl. Meet at the Visitor's Center.
11/6	9:30 AM – 12 PM	Howard Conservancy at Mt. Pleasant Farm	Host: Howard Bird Club Description:This trip will be a skywatch for migrating raptors and other potential flybys.
11/7	8 AM – 12 PM	Lois Y. Green Conservation Park	Host: Montgomery Bird Club Leader Mark England at englandmark@comcast.net or 240-308-4114. Description: Morning walk through the woods. We'll be looking for overwintering songbirds, waterfowl, and raptors. Meet at 8711 Snouffer School Road. Limit: 12.
11/8	8 – 11 AM	Howard Conservancy at Mt. Pleasant Farm	Host: Howard Bird Club Description: This is an impromptu leaderless walk for an opportunity to bird with any friends who show up.
11/10 – 12	All Day	Chincoteague	Host: Frederick Bird Club Leaders Gary and Helen Smith, 803-292-6883 or hbandme@me.com Description: Weekend trip for waterfowl and wintering birds. Contact leader for details.
11/11	8 – 11 AM	Birding at Sang Run State Park	Host: Allegany/Garrett Bird Club Contact westernmdbirdclub@gmail.com or Melissa at 240-920-8260. Description: Meet at 8:00 am at the parking lot for the Youghiogheny River access approximately ¼ mile beyond the park.

11/11	8 – 11 AM	Southwest Area Park	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Wendy Crowe (wcrowe437@gmail.com) Description: In this transitional season, expect to see water birds, sparrows, kinglets, and maybe a surprise or two. Meet at the Boat Launch area.
11/11	8 AM – 12 PM	Morgan Run South in Carroll County	Host: Carroll County Bird Club Contact: Bill Ellis billellis@ellislist.com or 443-520-8809 Description: We'll look for late migrants and early winter residents, including fox sparrow and hermit thrush. Meet at the parking lot at the end of Ben Rose Lane.
11/11	8 AM – 4 PM	Chincoteague NWR Trip	Host: YMOS Contact: George Radcliffe (radclifg@gmail.com,410-463-1669) Description: Refuge Exploration - Waterfowl, Wading Birds, Winter Arrivals. Lodging will be provided Fri and/or Sat nights for students coming from a distance.
11/11	8 – 9:30 AM	Druid Hill Park	Host: Baltimore Bird Club and Audubon Description: Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park. From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. For information, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must register in advance at https://patterson.audubon.org.
11/11	TBD	Redgate Park: Seeking Sparrows	Host: Montgomery Bird Club Leader Jo Cox at jobird11@gmail.com Description: Annual Veterans Day walk to work on ID-ing familiar species such as Song and White-throated Sparrow, while looking for less common ones like White-crowned and Swamp. This trip is geared to beginners, but all are welcome. Limit: 8.
11/12	7 AM – 12 PM	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	Host: Talbot Bird Club Leaders Linda & Pete Yungbluth (410-924-8135 or lyungbluth@gmail.com) Description: Waterfowl, passerines. Depart from Easton Acme parking lot at 7 am or meet at Pickering Creek at 7:20 am.
11/12	8 – 11 AM	Bird Walk at the Lynch Preserve	Host: Caroline Bird Club Leaders: Debby Bennett & Robin Lahnemann. Description: Park/meet at the end of Robins Creek Road. For more Map and parking go to https://visitcaroline.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Lynch-Map-Trails-and-Parking.pdf
11/12	8 – 11 AM	Centennial Park	Host: Howard Bird Club Leader Richard and Renee Peters, Richard@rrrrpeters.org Description: Early waterfowl, lingering migrants likely. Facilities available. West end parking lot.
11/12	8 – 11 AM	Irvine Nature Center	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Brain Rolfinke (brollfinke@gmail.com) Description: A great spot for sparrows, raptors, finches and other birds of the transitional season. Recommended for young birders and their parents. Canceled if rain or winds. A fee of $5 per person (or Irvine membership) is required. RSVP to leader required.
11/12	9 – 11 AM	Marshy Point Nature Center	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Brent and Mary Byers (baypuffin@hotmail.com or 410-686-7294) Description: Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful.
11/15	8 – 11 AM	Walk at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Alan Young, 410-991-8300 or alanmyoung@gmail.com leader TBA
11/16	3 – 6 PM	Lake Artemesia	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader T. Watson Description: Two-mile walk around lake on paved path, wheelchair-accessible. Families welcome.
11/18	6:30 AM – 12 PM	Eastern Neck and Kent County	Host: Talbot Bird Club Leader Dave Burgevin (301-788-0916 or dburgevin@gmail.com) Description: Waterfowl, gulls. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 6:30 am or meet at Tundra Swan Boardwalk parking area at 7:45 am.
11/18	7:30 AM – 12 PM	Eastern Neck NWR	Host: Harford Bird Club Leader Eric Vangrin, 443-417-7219 or evangrin@msn.com. Description: Trip in search of waterfowl, Brown-headed Nuthatches and possibly Red Crossbills. Meet at the RT. 155/I95 Havre-de-Grace Park and Ride at 7:30 AM.
11/18	7:30 AM – 12 PM	Governor Bridge Natural Area	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader Bill Sefton (kiwisuits@msn.com) Description: two mile loop around area. Meet at the parking area off Governor Bridge Road, south and east of the Route 301/Route 3/Route 50 interchange at 7:30 am
11/18	7:30 AM – 4 PM	Birding at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, VA	Host: Tri-county Bird Club Contact Ellen Lawler at 410-982-8695 or emlawler534@comcast.net for more information. Description: Field Trip to search for late fall migrants and early winter residents. Meet at Schumaker Park parking lot at 7:30am or at the Royal Farms in Princess Anne at 7:50am. Bring snacks, drinks.
11/18	8:30 – 10:30 AM	Beginner Bird Walk	Host: Howard Bird Club Leader: Val Swan, valnjeff55@gmail.com Description: Find the Clues. Limit 5. Learn to use habitat, behavior, manner of flight, etc. to assist in bird identification. Registration required.
11/18	8 – 11 AM	Loch Raven - Northampton Furnace Trail	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Toby Pessoa Gingerich (tags2011@gmail.com) Description: One-mile level trail through woods to water overlooks. Expect to see waterfowl, woodpeckers, sparrows and perhaps purple finches. RSVP required.
11/18	8 – 9:30 AM	Patterson Park	Host: Baltimore Bird Club and Audubon Description: Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in southeast Baltimore. Participants must register in advance at our website, https://patterson.audubon.org.
11/18	9 – 11 AM	Fort McHenry	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Wendy Alexander (443-204-3754) Description: Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Binoculars required. A telescope can be useful for distance viewing. Please contact the walk leader 24 hours in advance to confirm attendance and any changes to the walk schedule.
11/18	TBD	Kershner's Pond	Host: Frederick Bird Club Leader Lynn Kieffer (301-943-5290 or lynnkieffer@yahoo.com) Description: Waterfowl. Contact leader for meeting time and location.
11/19	8 – 11 AM	Monthly Walk at Quiet Waters Park	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Jim Collatz, 301-254-0188m jcollatz@aol.com
11/19	8 – 11 AM	Centennial Park	Host: Howard Bird Club Leader David Holmes, musiclbndr@gmail.com Description: Easy walking on paved paths around Centennial Lake. Woodlands, fields and water host a wide variety of species. West end parking lot.
11/19	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Family Birding: Cromwell Valley Park	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Daisy Sudano (dsudanotrainings@yahoo.com) Description: "The Wild Turkey" at Cromwell Valley Park- meet in front of the Nature Center.
11/19	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Serenity Ridge	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Frank Marenghi (frank_marenghi@hotmail.com) Description: Partnered habitat hike and birding walk through the trails of Serenity Ridge. Expect a variety of migrating fall birds, including raptors and sparrows. RSVP required.

11/24	8 AM – 6 PM	Annual Black Friday Walk	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Peter Hanan,301-580-2785 peter.hanan@icloud.com
11/25	8 AM – 12 PM	Conowingo Dam	Host: Harford Bird Club Leader Dennis Kirkwood (410-692-5905 or newarkfarms@gmail.com). Description: Watch Bald Eagles, gulls, and waterfowl and walk the trail for Winter Wren and woodpeckers. Meet at the parking lot at Fisherman's Park.
11/25	9 AM – 12 PM	Fisherman's Wharf	Host: Cecil Bird Club Leader: Ken Drier (KDRIER@ZOOMINTERNET.NET) Description: Join the Cecil Bird Club for its Thanksgiving tradition: The eagles at Conowingo Dam. This is a good spot for gulls and herons, as well.
11/25	4 – 8 PM	Owl Prowl	Host: Talbot Bird Club Leader Jeff Effinger (410-443-5016 or jkeffinger55@gmail.com) Description: Owls. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 4 pm.
11/26	7 AM – 12 PM	Plaindealing Farm	Host: Talbot Bird Club Leader Bettye Maki (248-225-0724 or bjmaki04@gmail.com) Description: Waterfowl, woodpeckers, sparrows. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7 am.
11/26	8 – 11 AM	Centennial Park	Host: Howard Bird Club Description: Easy walking on paved paths around Centennial Lake. Woodlands, fields and water host a wide variety of species. Great view of the sky for flyovers. Early waterfowl, lingering migrants likely. Facilities available. West end parking lot.
12/2	7:30 AM – 5 PM	Delaware Marshes	Host: Harford Bird Club Leaders David Webb (443-417-5385 or porzana@comcast.net) and Mark Johnson (410-692-5978 or MarkSJohnson2@gmail.com). Description: Search for waterfowl at spots along the Delaware coast with hopes of making it to Cape Henlopen. Meet at the RT. 155/I95 Havre-de-Grace P&R at 7:30 AM.
12/2	7:30 AM – 12 PM	Fran Uhler Natural Area	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader Bill Sefton (kiwisuits@msn.com). Description: Two-mile out-and-back walk at natural area on the Patuxent River – fields, wet woods, brushy areas Meet at east end of Lemon's Bridge Road, off Route 197 just north of Bowie State University.
12/2	8 AM – 12 PM	Ponds and waterfowl of northern Carroll County	Host: Carroll County Bird Club Contact: Scott Hodgdon scotthodgdon@msn.com Description: Migratory water fowl should be here for the winter and there are ponds that are hotspots for them. Meet at the Westminster Community Pond parking lot. RSVP to leader.
12/2	7:30 – 11 AM	Breakfast with the Birds, Masonville Cove Environmental Learning Center	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Tim Carney (tcarney@menv.com) Description: Masonville Cove welcomes BBC for muffins and coffee and a look at waterfowl in Baltimore Harbor. Telescopes useful. RSVP to the leader to register; trip limited to 15.
12/3	8 – 11 AM	Monthly Walk at Kinder Farm Park	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Alan Young, 410-991-8300 or alanmyoung@gmail.com
12/3	8 – 11 AM	Cylburn Arboretum	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Dave Votta, dgvotta85@gmail.com Description: Easy birding in Cylburn's urban forest. Beginning birders welcome. Limit 10. Pre-registration required.
12/3	8 – 10 AM	YMBC Walk; Pennyfield Lock	Host: Montgomery Bird Club MENTORS: Jo Cox and Lisa Wilcox Deyo. RSVP to https://tinyurl.com/YMBCFall23. If you are interested in being a mentor contact youth.birding@gmail.com. Description: The walk will cover approximately 2 miles on the towpath and some grassy/natural trail areas.
12/6	8 AM – 12 PM	Lilypons/New Design Road	Host: Montgomery Bird Club Leader Clive Harris at clivegharris@yahoo.com Description: Half day, targeting Fox and Tree Sparrows and possibly Virginia Rail and American Bittern. Limit: 8.
12/6	9 – 11 AM	Fort McHenry	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Mary Chetelat (443-564-6551) Description: Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Binoculars required. Please contact the walk leader 24 hours in advance to confirm attendance and any changes to the walk scheduled
12/7	3 – 6 PM	Lake Artemesia	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader T. Watson Description: Two-mile walk around lake on paved path, wheelchair-accessible. Families welcome.
12/8	8 AM – 12 PM	Bird Walk at North Point State Park	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Alan Young, 410-991-8300 or alanmyoung@gmail.com Leader Kevin Graff, 410-967-5896 (text only) or keyweststyle2001@gmail.com
12/09/23	8 – 11 AM	Herring Run Park and Lake Montebello	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Kim Tomko, 443-414-8034 or ktomkat@gmail.com Description: This urban park in Northeast Baltimore is an oasis for many migrating and resident bird species. RSVP required.
12/9	8 AM – 2 PM	Piscataway Park	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader Ken Cohen (kvulture@aol.com) Description: morning and early afternoon trip. Meet at end of Wharf Road. From meeting place will bird boardwalk, farm, and elsewhere as time permits. Bring a lunch. Please RSVP to leader.
12/9	8 AM – 12 PM	Trip TBA	Host: YMOS Contact: George Radcliffe (radclifg@gmail.com,410-463-1669) Description: AM birding followed by lunch for YMOS members and families
12/09 – 10	All Day	YMOS Photo Big Day	Host: YMOS Contact: George Radcliffe (radclifg@gmail.com,410-463-1669) Description: To raise funds for a cause of your choosing, we'll get pledges for the total number of species we can collectively photograph
12/10	7 AM – 12 PM	Tuckahoe State Park Cemetery Road	Host: Talbot Bird Club Leader Jeff Effinger (410-443-5016 or jkeffinger55@gmail.com) Description: Woodland Birds. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 4 pm.
12/10	8 – 9:30 AM	Druid Hill Park	Host: Baltimore Bird Club and Audubon Description: Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park. From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. For information, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Must register in advance at https://patterson.audubon.org.
12/10	8:30 AM – 4 PM	Cambridge Waterfront and Blackwater NWR	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net or 410-952-9426 Description: Two stops on Cambridge waterfront, then on to Blackwater for ducks, geese, swans, shorebirds and some landbirds. Meet 8:30 am at Cambridge Visitor's Center or 10:00 am at Blackwater NWR Visitor Center. Canceled in bad weather. Limit 12, reservations required.
12/10	9 – 11 AM	Marshy Point Nature Center	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Brent and Mary Byers (baypuffin@hotmail.com or 410-686-7294) Description: Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful.
12/12	8 – 11 AM	Bird Walk at Chesapeake Bay Environmental Ctr	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Adele Clagett, 410-212-2652 or adele@birding.pictures

12/12	9:30 AM – 12 PM	Perryville Park	Host: Cecil Bird Club Leader: Maryanne Dolan (maryanne.dolan@gmail.com) Description: Seeking out winter waterfowl at Perryville Community Park and along the Susquehanna River. Bring scope if you have one. Meet at the parking area on the left just before you reach the circular drive to the park.
12/16	7:30 AM – 12 PM	Governor Bridge Natural Area	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader Bill Sefton (kiwisuits@msn.com) Description: two mile loop around area. Meet at the parking area off Governor Bridge Road, south and east of the Route 301/Route 3/Route 50 interchange at 7:30 am
12/16	8 – 9:30 AM	Patterson Park	Host: Baltimore Bird Club and Audubon Description: Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in southeast Baltimore. Participants must register in advance at our website, https://patterson.audubon.org.
12/16	9 – 11 AM	Fort McHenry	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754 Description: Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Binoculars required. Please contact the walk leader 24 hours in advance to confirm attendance and any changes to the walk schedule.
12/17	8 – 11 AM	Monthly Walk at Quiet Waters Park	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Jim Collatz, 301-254-0188m jcollatz@aol.com
12/17	1 -3 PM	Family Birding: Conowingo Dam	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Daisy Sudano, dsudanotrainings@yahoo.com Description: "All About Eagles" held at Conowingo Dam Fisherman's Park (look for the BBC Youth banner).
12/21	3 – 6 PM	Lake Artemesia	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader T. Watson Description: Two-mile walk around lake on paved path, wheelchair-accessible. Families welcome. Meet at parking area at corner of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed.
12/23	8 – 11 AM	Fort Howard County Park	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader: Brent and Mary Byers baypuffin@hotmail.com or 410-686-7294 Description: Expect to see herons, waterfowl, and winter residents.
1/1	8 AM – 12 PM	Start Your Year List	Host: Howard County Bird Club Leader Kurt Schwarz, krschwa1@verizon.net Description: Easy walking on woodland trails. May plan to bird several different locations to find as many species as possible. The one day of the year where every bird is new! Facilities available.
1/1	8:30 – 11:30 AM	New Year's Day Loch Raven	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Joe Corcoran, corcoran2921@gmail.com, 667-231-6453 Description: Start off the New Year birding at Old Picnic Area Trail section of Loch Raven Reservoir. Expect waterfowl, winter passerines, and raptors. RSVP required.
1/3	9 – 11 AM	Fort McHenry	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Mary Chetelat (443-564-6551) Description: Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Binoculars required. Please contact the walk leader 24 hours in advance to confirm attendance and any changes to the walk schedule.
1/4	3 – 6 PM	Lake Artemesia	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader varies Description: Two-mile walk around lake on paved path, wheelchair-accessible. Families welcome. Meet at parking area at corner of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights.
1/6	7:30 AM – 4 PM	Annual Coastal Birding Trip	Host: Tri-county Bird Club Leader, Mike Walsh, 410-422-0428 or mik.walsh@comcast.net. Description: Coastal Birding trip from Ocean City, MD to Cape Henlopen, DE for winter waterfowl and other winter visitors. Meet at the Schumaker Park parking lot at 7:30 a.m. or the OC inlet parking lot at 8:15 a.m.
1/6	7:30 AM – 12 PM	Fran Uhler Natural Area	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader Bill Sefton (kiwisuits@msn.com). Description: Two-mile out-and-back walk at natural area on the Patuxent River – fields, wet woods, brushy areas Meet at east end of Lemon's Bridge Road, off Route 197 just north of Bowie State University.
1/6	8 – 11 AM	North Point SP	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Kojo Baidu, baidookojo6@gmail.com Description: Expect to see waterfowl, sparrows, and raptors. Entrance fee is $3 unless you have a state park pass. RSVP required.
1/6	All Day	Blackwater NWR	Host: Howard County Bird Club Leader Kurt Schwarz, krschwa1@verizon.net Description: Plan to stop at the Choptank River Bridge for ducks and coffee. Entrance fee or Duck Stamp required. Email leader to reserve a spot and get details. We will carpool.
1/7	8 – 11 AM	Monthly Walk at Kinder Farm Park	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Alan Young, 410-991-8300 or alanmyoung@gmail.com
1/7	8 – 11:30 AM	Birding by Canoe at Day's Cove	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Sam Tillman, sam.tillman@gmail.com Description: Joe Davis, BCPS science educator, will share information on the geology and ecosystem. Meet at the Days Cove Environmental Education Center where canoes and lifejackets will be provided. Participants must be at least 12. Limit 18, RSVP required. Rain date Sun. 1/14.
1/9	9:30 AM – 12 PM	Perryville Park Ducks	Host: Cecil Bird Club Leader: Maryanne Dolan (maryanne.dolan@gmail.com) Description: Seeking out winter waterfowl at Perryville Community Park and along the Susquehanna River. Bring scope if you have one. Meet at the parking area on the left just before you reach the circular drive to the park.
1/13	8 – 11 AM	Hanlon Park	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Toby Pessoa Gingerich, tags2011@gmail.com Description: One of the best "semi-secret" spots for winter waterfowl. Expect lots of redheads and a mix of other ducks. Meet along Hilton St. side of the lake. RSVP required.
1/13	8 AM – 5 PM	Winter Bird Hunt	Host: YMOS Contact: George Radcliffe (radclifg@gmail.com,410-463-1669) Description: Wintering birds, short-eared owl. Survey of Cambridge Waterfront, Blackwater Refuge, and southern Dorchester County, Meet at 8 MA at Cambridge Visitor Center.
1/14	9 – 11 AM	Marshy Point Nature Center	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Brent and Mary Byers (baypuffin@hotmail.com or 410-686-7294) Description: Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful.
1/16	9:30 AM – 12 PM	Perryville Park Ducks	Host: Cecil Bird Club Leader: Maryanne Dolan (maryanne.dolan@gmail.com) Description: Seeking out winter waterfowl at Perryville Community Park and along the Susquehanna River. Bring scope if you have one. Meet at the parking area on the left just before you reach the circular drive to the park.
1/18	3 – 6 PM	Lake Artemesia	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader varies Description: Two-mile walk around lake on paved path, wheelchair-accessible. Families welcome. Meet at parking area at corner of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights.
1/20	7:30 AM – 12 PM	Governor Bridge Natural Area	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader Bill Sefton (kiwisuits@msn.com) Description: two mile loop around area. Meet at the parking area off Governor Bridge Road, south and east of the Route 301/Route 3/Route 50 interchange at 7:30 am

1/20	8 AM – 1 PM	Birding at Heron Park, Berlin	Host: Tri-County Bird Club Leaders Ellen Lawler, 410-982-8695 or emlawler534@comcast.net and Mary Huebner at 301-876-7545 or marybrd22@gmail.com. Description: Emphasis on identifying waterfowl and other wintering species. Meet at 8 at Schumaker Park lot or 8:45 at Heron Park (formerly Berlin Falls Park)
1/20	8 – 11 AM	Swan Harbor Farm Park	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Dennis Kirkwood, 443-299-2272 Description: The variety of wintering waterfowl is outstanding. Other winter birds include raptors, woodpeckers and sparrows. RSVP to trip leader.
1/20	9 – 11 AM	Ft. McHenry	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Ben Poscover, 410-905-8961 Description: Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Binoculars required. Please contact the walk leader 24 hours in advance to confirm attendance and any changes to the walk schedule.
1/20	All Day	Blackwater	Host: Frederick Bird Club Leader Lois Kauffman (301-845-6690 or md.pa.birding@gmail.com) Description: Waterfowl and wintering birds. Contact leader for meeting time and location.
1/21	8 – 11 AM	Monthly Walk at Quiet Waters Park	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Jim Collatz, 301-254-0188m jcollatz@aol.com
1/21	8 AM – 5 PM	Shrike Hunt!	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Tim Carney, timcarney83@gmail.com Description: You can either choose where you'll be shriking or Tim can assign you a territory. We'll get to go birding in areas that lack coverage and probably find some other fun winter species.
1/27	8 – 11 AM	Harbor Roundup: Ferry Bar, Harbor Hospital, Middle Branch, Winans Cove	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Alex Pelligrini Description: We'll visit a number of sites around the harbor, checking for gulls and waterfowl. Contact leader for details and meeting place.
1/27	8 AM – 12 PM	Bird Walks at Sandy Point and Thomas Point	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Alan Young, 410-991-8300 or alanmyoung@gmail.com Leader TBA
1/28	9 AM – 12 PM	Chesapeake Environmental Center	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Joe Corcoran, corcoran2921@gmail.com or 667-231-6453 Description: We will be looking for ducks, geese, swans, sparrows, Bald Eagles, and Brown-headed Nuthatches.
1/30	9:30 AM – 12 PM	Perryville Park Ducks	Host: Cecil Bird Club Leader: Maryanne Dolan (maryanne.dolan@gmail.com) Description: Seeking out winter waterfowl at Perryville Community Park and along the Susquehanna River. Bring scope if you have one. Meet at the parking area on the left just before you reach the circular drive to the park.
2/1	3 – 6 PM	Lake Artemesia	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader varies Description: Two-mile walk around lake on paved path, wheelchair-accessible. Families welcome. Meet at parking area at corner of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights.
2/3	7:30 AM – 12 PM	Fran Uhler Natural Area	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader Bill Sefton (kiwisuits@msn.com). Description: Two-mile out-and-back walk at natural area on the Patuxent River – fields, wet woods, brushy areas Meet at east end of Lemon's Bridge Road, off Route 197 just north of Bowie State University.
2/4	7:30 – 10:30 AM	Serenity Ridge	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Frank Marenghi (frank_marenghi@hotmail.com) Description: Partnered habitat hike and birding walk through the trails of Serenity Ridge. Expect a variety of migrating fall birds, including raptors and sparrows. RSVP required.
2/4	8 – 11 AM	Loch Raven	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Mark Linardi, 443-834-8413 or mlinardi@outlook.com Description: Loch Raven is a great place for winter waterfowl. On this trip, we'll start at Loch Raven Point, then visit other productive spots. Limit 12. RSVP required.
2/4	8 AM – 4 PM	Ocean City Birding	Host: YMOS Contact: George Radcliffe (radclifg@gmail.com,410-463-1669) Description: Wintering Birds. Meet at Ocean City Inlet for coastal birds; we'll also bird inland ponds and Assateague Island. Possible opportunity for Saturday birding. Date subject to change.
2/4	8 – 11 AM	Monthly Walk at Kinder Farm Park	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Alan Young, 410-991-8300 or alanmyoung@gmail.com
2/4	TBD	Big Pool/Ft. Frederick	Host: Frederick Bird Club Leader Lois Kauffman (301-845-6690 or md.pa.birding@gmail.com) Description: Wintering birds. Contact leader for meeting time and location.
2/4	9 – 11 AM	Fort McHenry	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Mary Chetelat (443-564-6551) Description: Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Binoculars required. Please contact the walk leader 24 hours in advance to confirm attendance and any changes to the walk schedule.
2/10	8 AM – 2 PM	Cape Henlopen SP	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Ellen Roche, 443-996-3955 or ellroche@gmail.com
2/11	8 – 11 AM	Lake Elkhorn Accessible Trip	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leaders Debbie and Lou Taylor, 410-852-9807 Description: This peaceful lake in Howard County is a great place to view midwinter birds including a variety of Woodpeckers, Waterfowl, Sparrows, Hawks and maybe even a Brown Creeper.
2/11	9 – 11 AM	Marshy Point Nature Center	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Brent and Mary Byers (baypuffin@hotmail.com or 410-686-7294) Description: Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful.
2/13	9:30 AM – 12 PM	Perryville Park Ducks	Host: Cecil Bird Club Leader: Maryanne Dolan (maryanne.dolan@gmail.com) Description: Seeking out winter waterfowl at Perryville Community Park and along the Susquehanna River. Bring scope if you have one. Meet at the parking area on the left just before you reach the circular drive to the park.
2/15	3 – 6 PM	Lake Artemesia	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader varies Description: Two-mile walk around lake on paved path, wheelchair-accessible. Families welcome. Meet at parking area at corner of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights.
2/16- 18	Weekend	Ocean City	Host: Frederick Bird Club Leader Tom Humphrey (240-793-2508). Description: Weekend trip for waterfowl and wintering seabirds. Contact leader for meeting time and location.
2/17	7:30 AM – 4 PM	Dorchester County Birding Trip	Host: Tri-county Bird Club Leader, Mike Walsh, 410-422-0428 or mik.walsh@comcast.net. Description: Choptank River and Blackwater NWR, for waterfowl, raptors, other winter residents. Meet at the Royal Farms on Rt. 50 west of Salisbury at 7:30 am.
2/17	7:30 AM – 12 PM	Governor Bridge Natural Area	Host: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS Leader Bill Sefton (kiwisuits@msn.com) Description: two mile loop around area. Meet at the parking area off Governor Bridge Road, south and east of the Route 301/Route 3/Route 50 interchange at 7:30 am

2/17	8 AM – 5:30 PM	Dorchester County Bird Hunt	Host: YMOS Contact: George Radcliffe (radclifg@gmail.com,410-463-1669) Description: Waterfowl, Golden Eagle, Short-eared Owl, Rough-legged Hawk. Meet at the Visitor's Center in Cambridge, then head south to Blackwater NWR and Shorter's Wharf. Bring a lunch and money for dinner and plenty of warm clothing.
2/17	8 AM – 12 PM	Gull Boot Camp	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Fred Shaffer, 443-926-6457 or glaucousgull@verizon.net
2/17	9 – 11 AM	Fort McHenry	Host: Baltimore Bird Club Leader Ben Poscover, 410-905-8961 Description: Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Binoculars required. Please contact the walk leader 24 hours in advance to confirm attendance and any changes to the walk schedule.
2/18	8 AM – 12 PM	Monthly Walk at Quiet Waters Park	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Contact: Jim Collatz, 301-254-0188m jcollatz@aol.com
2/24	8 – 11 AM	North Beach and Herrington Harbor	Host: Anne Arundel Bird Club Leader Kevin Graff, 410-967-5896 (text only) or keyweststyle2001@gmail.com
2/27	9:30 AM – 12 PM	Perryville Park Ducks	Host: Cecil Bird Club Leader: Maryanne Dolan (maryanne.dolan@gmail.com) Description: Seeking out winter waterfowl at Perryville Community Park and along the Susquehanna River. Bring scope if you have one. Meet at the parking area on the left just before you reach the circular drive to the park.

Meetings

Meetings may be virtual or in-person (or both)! Additional details, including links, will be posted on chapter web sites and the MOS calendar, as available.

7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Carroll County Bird Club	Speaker: Campbell Plowden, On the Peruvian Amazon	Carroll Nonprofit Center
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Frederick Bird Club	David Curson: Conservation: Saltmarsh Restoration and Tern Nesting Colonies.	Hood College
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: YMOS	Program TBA	Virtual
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS	Exploring and Birding Puerto Rico presented by Matt Felperin.	Virtual
7:30 – 9 PM	Meeting: Howard County Bird Club	Kim Alplanalp will speak on the Common Tern Raft	Robinson Nature Center
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Baltimore Bird Club	Program: The Sometimes Irreverent Bird Musings of a General Natural History Educator.	Virtual
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Talbot Bird Club	Kim Abplanalp will give a presentation on the artificial Common Tern nesting platform in Chincoteague Bay	Easton YMCA
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Montgomery Bird Club	Anne Mytych - Birds of California	Potomac Presbyterian Church
9 – 11 AM	Meeting Caroline County Bird Club	Program TBA	Wharves of Choptank Visitor Center
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Tri-County Bird Club	"Beautiful Bluebirds" presented by Janice Ward, Lower Shore Coordinator for the Maryland Bluebird Society	Salisbury Animal Health Lab
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Washington County Bird Club	We will watch a movie entitled "Woodpeckers"	Mt. Aetna Nature Center
10 AM – 12 PM	Meeting: MOS	MOS Board Meeting	Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum
TBD	Meeting: Tri-County Bird Club	Potluck Dinner and Spring Planning Meeting hosted by Suzanne Carley	MD
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS	Annual Holiday Film Night, film TBA	Virtual
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: YMOS	Zoom Meeting	Virtual
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Carroll County Bird Club	Speaker: Greg Kearns, Update on the Patuxent Project	Carroll Nonprofit Center
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Frederick Bird Club	Trivia Night with Denny Grizzle	Hood College
7 – 8:30 PM	Board Meeting: Baltimore Bird Club	While only authorized board members have a vote, any club member is welcome to attend and participate	Virtual
7:30 – 9 PM	Meeting: Howard County Bird Club	Wil Hershberger will speak on A Celebration of Bird Song	Robinson Nature Center
5 – 7 PM	Potluck Dinner, Washington County Bird Club	Potluck Dinner. Contact Mark Abdy if interested in participating 301-573-1301	Mt. Aetna Nature Center

7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Frederick Bird Club	History of Bird Conservation by Mark Madison	Hood College
7 – 8:30 PM	Board Meeting: Baltimore Bird Club	While only authorized board members have a vote, any club member is welcome to attend and participate	Virtual
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: YMOS	Zoom Meeting	Virtual
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS	David Moulton will discuss "Saving Southern Maryland's Grassland Birds"	Virtual
7:30 – 9 PM	Meeting Howard County Bird Club	Kevin Heffernan will speak on The 2024 Howard County Butterfly Survey Results	Robinson Nature Center
4 – 7 PM	Covered Dish Dinner: Baltimore Bird Club	David Brinker will speak on Rise and Fall of American Goshawks in the Central Appalachians	Cylburn Arboretum: Vollmer Center
7:30 – 9 PM	Meeting: Montgomery Bird Club	Gabriel Foley will speak on the MD-DC Breeding Bird Atlas	Virtual
9 – 11 AM	Meeting: Caroline Bird Club	Program TBA	Wharves of Choptank Visitor Center
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Tri-County Bird Club	"Howard Frech, Rachel Carson, and Under the Sea-wind" presented by John Juriga.	Salisbury Animal Health Lab
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Washington County Bird Club	We will watch a movie title TBA.	Mt. Aetna Nature Center
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Frederick Bird Club	Member's Night	Hood College
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: YMOS	Zoom Meeting	Virtual
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Carroll County Bird Club	Speaker: John White, Bird Photography for Beginners	Carroll Nonprofit Center
7:30 – 9 PM	Meeting: Howard County Bird Club	Kurt Schwarz will speak on Miles and Miles of Texas Hill Country and Big Bend	Robinson Nature Center
7 – 8:30 PM	Board Meeting: Baltimore Bird Club	While only authorized board members have a vote, any club member is welcome to attend and participate	Virtual
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Patuxent Bird Club/PGAS	Gulls of North America, presented by Fred Shaffer	Virtual
9 – 11 AM	Meeting: Caroline Bird Club	Members' favorite bird photos	Wharves of Choptank Visitor Center
7:30 – 9 PM	Meeting: Montgomery Bird Club	Cheryl Hogue will speak on Birds of Texas	Potomac Presbyterian Church
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Tri-County Bird Club	"Winds of Change: Offshore Wind and Maryland's Clean Energy Future" presented by Dave Wilson, Maryland Development Manager for US Wind.	Salisbury Animal Health Lab
7 – 9 PM	Meeting: Washington County Bird Club	Speaker TBA.	Mt. Aetna Nature Center

Christmas Counts

Information is current as of publication date

CBC: Denton	Contact Debbie Bennett (410-829-4952 or dabennett1996Wgmail.com)	12/16
CBC: Point Lookout	Compiler: Bob Boxwell, 410-610-5124 or robertboxwell1@outlook.com	12/16
CBC: South Mountain	Compiler: Evan Vaeth, nexevan@gmail.com	12/16
CBC: Wachapreague, VA	Coordinator: Victor Klein, vklein3254@aol.com	12/16
CBC: Denton	Coordinator: Debby Bennett, dabennett1996@gmail.com	12/16
CBC: Triadelphia Reservoir	Compiler: David Holmes, musiclbndr@gmail.com	12/16
CBC: Garrett County/Oakland	Compiler: Connie Skipper, connieskipper@hohnet.com	12/16
CBC: Washington County	Compiler: Mark Abdy, mjabdy@yahoo.com	12/16
CBC: Washington, DC	Compiler: Larry Cartwright, prowarbler@verizon.net	12/16
CBC: York, PA	Compiler: Bernie Frick, bernardfrick@alum.lehigh.edu; alternate date 12/29	12/16
CBC: Catoctin	Contact Kathy Brown (301-865-1369 or kathybrown07@verizon.net) Backup date 12/17	12/16
CBC: Salisbury	Compiler Mike Walsh, 410-422-0428 or mik.walsh@comcast.net .	12/17
CBC: St. Michaels	Contact Wayne Bell (410-253-1663 or wbell2@washcoll.edu)	12/17

CBC: Elkton	Contact Ken Drier (kdrier@zoominternet.net) to participate	12/17
CBC: Port Tobacco	Compiler: Gwen Brewer Volunteer Coordinator Mke Callahan, 240-765-5912 or raptorsrulemc@gmail.com	12/17
CBC: Southern Lancaster Co, PA	Coordinator: Derek Stoner, derekstoner@hotmail.com	12/17
CBC: Charles Town, WV	Compiler: Bob Dean, bobdean52@gmail.com	12/17
CBC: Bombay Hook, DE	Compiler: Andrew Ednie, ednieap@verizon.net or 302-463-0113	12/17
CBC: The Plains/Airlie, VA	Register at https://cliftoninstitute.org/event/the-24th-annual-the-plains-airlie-christmas-bird-count. Coordinator Bridget Bradshaw, bbradshaw@cliftoninstitute.org or 540-341-3651.	12/17
CBC: Seneca	Compiler: Jim Nelson, kingfishers2@verizon.net	12/17
CBC: Lower Kent	Compiler: Nancy Martin, borealdee@gmail.com	12/17
CBC: Middle River	Compiler: Elizabeth Errickson, elizabeth.errickson@googlemail.com	12/17
CBC: Talbot County	Host: YMOS Contact: George Radcliffe (radclifg@gmail.com,410-463-1669)	12/17
CBC: Rock Run	Contact Mark Johnson at 410-692-5978 or MarkSJohnson2@gmail.com.	12/20
CBC: Patuxent River	Compiler: Ben Springer, ben.springer@comcast.net	12/23
CBC: Lancaster, PA	Coordinator: Barbara Hunsberger, phunsberger@comcast.net	12/23
CBC: Crisfield	Compiler: Paul Bystrak, shrike@comcast.net	12/27
CBC: Nokesville, VA	Contact Ashley Studholme, alliance@pwconserve.org or 703-490-5200	12/27
CBC: York CBC4Kids, PA	Compiler: Bernie Frick, bernardfrick@alum.lehigh.edu	12/27
CBC: Central Loudoun, VA & MD	Sign up at www.loudounwildlife,org or contact compilers Joe Coleman (jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org) or Bryan Henson (bhenson@loudounwildlife.org)	12/28
CBC: Ocean City	Compiler: Mark Hoffman, wcbirding@gmail.com	12/28
CBC: Chincoteague, VA	Contact: Kevin Holcomb, 757-336-6122x2319 or kevin_holcomb@fws.gov	12/29
CBC: Ft Belvoir	Compiler/VA volunteers contact Kurt Gaskill (kurtcap87@verizon.net) MD Sector Coordinators Lynne Wheeler, 301-751-8097 (text only) or somdaudubon@yahoo.com, 201-283-6317 or rdlukinic@gmail.com	12/30
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CBC: Inwood, WV	Compiler: Bob Dean, bobdean52@gmail.com	1/5